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The Truman, Attlee Talks Go On

General Agreement Said To Be Reached

Washington, Dec. 5. President Harry Truman engaged in a second round of grave war crisis talks with the British Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, today as reports flew that UN forces may face a "Dunkirk" withdrawal from Korea.

It was emphasized, however, that such a step would come only as a last resort.

After their meeting, Mr. Truman and Mr. Attlee announced late today only that they had discussed the situation and would meet again on Wednesday.

The White House issued the following statement:

"The President and the Prime Minister had their second meeting this afternoon aboard the Williamsburg."

"They resumed their discussions of the situation in Korea and of the steps to be taken to meet it."

"There will be a further meeting at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday morning at the White House."

GENERAL AGREEMENT

President Truman and Prime Minister Attlee agreed on the statement except to say that today's session lasted one hour and fifty minutes.

President Truman had scheduled a meeting of his Cabinet at 5 p.m. and there were indications that he broke off the talks with Mr. Attlee only so that he could meet with his Cabinet.

Chairman Tom Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee told newsmen that he had been informed that Mr. Truman and Mr. Attlee have reached general agreement on all major policy questions.

Senator Connally said the agreement covered problems posed by Allied reverses in Korea.

Although Senator Connally's statement indicated the talks may be nearing an end, Mr. Attlee is expected to remain in Washington until Friday.—Associated Press.

NO SURVIVORS

Amulambus left for a nearby snow-clad mountain today to return the bodies of six persons killed on Thursday when a two-engine Iranian Airways plane crashed into the peak and burned. There were no survivors.—United Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Important Singapore Conference

THAT Hongkong is to be represented by His Excellency the Governor at this week's highly important Singapore conference called by Mr. Malcolm Macdonald is becoming and gives cause for satisfaction. Ordinarily these meetings of British Ambassadors, Ministers and Governors serving in southeast Asia are routine, but the current conclave is of a special nature, called together to consider the whole of the Far East problem at present aggravated by the situation in Korea. This accounts for the presence in Singapore of Sir Esler Dening, British Ambassador-at-Large, as well as Sir Alvaro Gascoigne, head of the British Liaison Mission in Japan. It will not be within the scope of the conference to deal with questions of policy in the Far East; those directions must come from a higher level. But the various British diplomats and administrators assembled in Singapore are certain to have on their agenda urgent consideration of integrated action in the event of new developments in this part of the world. The interests of Hongkong and Malaya are inextricably tied to events in the Far East and it is necessary at this time to evaluate those in-

Press Censorship In Korea

GENERAL Sir Horace Robertson thinks a press censorship should be applied in Korea, though his grounds for such an absurd suggestion are extremely vague. He seems to nurse the idea that front-line despatches (which, incidentally, arrive hours late on the newspaper editor's desk) are giving away valuable intelligence to the enemy. To us, this seems to be a grave under-estimation of the ability of the enemy in Korea to discover for himself, and on the spot, precisely what he wishes to know about the movements of UN forces. We say this because it has been off-

terests in the light of existing conditions and possible political changes in neighbouring countries. Malaya is already plagued with militant Communism which seeks to undermine the legitimate administration of the country and to create a state of chaos which might enable Communist agents to achieve a coup d'etat. No such problem confronts Hongkong at the moment. Nevertheless, we are conscious of active anti-British elements within our boundaries whom we know would seize the slightest opportunity of exploiting themselves at the expense of the Colony. We are also aware that should relations between Communist China and the Western world further deteriorate, Hongkong would have to be prepared for repercussions, possibly of an unpleasant nature. Recognition of these contingencies quite naturally help to give the Singapore conference an aura of urgency and importance. Sir Alexander Grantham has more than once quoted the slogan, "Hope for the best, and prepare for the worst," and we have little doubt that Mr. Malcolm Macdonald had this in mind when he decided to call this week's conference.

cially admitted by SCAP that thousands of Red Korean guerrillas have been, and still are, operating behind and among the United Nations lines. Surely one could hardly look for a better intelligence service; certainly one that must be far and away superior to the accidental intelligence which General Robertson imagines is served up to the enemy through the newspapers. Our own feeling is that if some of the loquacious field commanders and their henchmen back in Seoul and Tokyo were to be less free with their opinions it would do more to help the UN cause in Korea than censorship of the Press.

Sea Evacuation Of UN Forces A Possibility

30,000 TROOPS STILL GRAVELY IMPERILLED

Tokyo, Dec. 6.

Vanguards of 1,000,000 Chinese Communist soldiers on Tuesday returned the Red flag to Pyongyang under scorching air attack and lunged for the 'kill' against possibly 30,000 US troops trapped in northeast Korea.

As the hard pressed Allied army battled to set up a defence line somewhere south of the North Korean capital, General Omar N. Bradley was reported to have told Senators in Washington that the withdrawal had made possible a giant evacuation of Korea by sea if necessary.

A Defence Department spokesman said that on the northeast front the Chinese Reds pushed a spearhead eastward and cut the main highway between the two major east coast ports of Hungnam and Wonsan.

Wonsan is headquarters of the US Tenth Corps and Hungnam, port for the industrial city of Hamhung, is about 50 air miles north of Wonsan. It serves as the supply centre for chopped-up segments of the US First Marine Division and Seventh Infantry Division, making a fighting withdrawal some 50 miles to the northwest.

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more Chinese Red divisions were ready to reinforce the seven divisions already smashing through Korea's frigid northeast icebox.

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tacked a 30 mile long convoy north of Changjin reservoir in the northeast, while farther north they hit a large body of troops hauling guns and supplies.

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A field dispatch said the US Eighth Army was pulling back to new positions south of the 38th Parallel within 30 air miles of Seoul. The dispatch did not pinpoint the location but said the retreat ended there.

Allied aircraft struck heavy blows at the massed Chinese, concentrated at points like a vast crowd "leaving a football game," one pilot said.

Fifth Air Force jets swooped low on the northern approaches of Pyongyang and killed an estimated 2,000 Reds on Tuesday as they crossed the icy Taedong.

Nevertheless, Communist troops occupied Pyongyang airfield at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, said an Eighth Army spokesman.

This was only eight and a half hours after the last US combat cargo command plane flew out for Seoul.

US forces were rolling south across the 38th Parallel as fast as their bumper-to-bumper convoys could move over dust-obscured roads.—Associated Press.

CHINESE PUSH ON

Tokyo, Dec. 6. Chinese horse cavalry led a drive southward from Pyongyang today on the heels of the retreating Allied army of north-west Korea now more than 20 miles below the fallen Communist capital.

The United States First Corps announced the first contact with the enemy south of Pyongyang and at the same time confirmed field reports of Communist jabs at the Allied line already half way from Pyongyang to Seoul.

A First Corps spokesman reported that a patrol of the US 26th Division, lagging well behind the Eighth Army, already more than a score of miles below Pyongyang, ran into two platoons of Chinese horse cavalry five miles south of the former Communist capital. Whether the GIs and the Chinese horsemen clashed was not disclosed. The patrol apparently fell back when it found itself outmatched by enemy platoons.

The spokesman reported that a road block party of the Ninth Corps, part of the Eighth Army, was ambushed on a road between Sings, 50 miles southeast of Pyongyang and 60 miles northwest of Seoul, and nearby Yuli. One American officer was reported killed in the ambush believed to be by a small band of guerrillas, although earlier reports had said that Chinese outriders had been spotted in that area.—United Press.

EXECUTIONS

Friendly Koreans fleeing from the city reported that immediately the Chinese entered they began shooting the citizens who had been friendly to United Nations troops.

They tore down posters and flags welcoming the American forces and trampled on them in the streets.

They said Pyongyang is a city of terror and that most people were hiding in cellars or in mountains outside the town.

Several thousand Chinese were seen moving southeast of Pyongyang and it is this outstanding movement that is causing the greatest concern to the retreating United Nations' forces.

They have not fought the Chinese since they left Chongchun River line. A senior 8th Army officer said tonight that retreat will have to continue all the time the east banks are threatened. He also said that future plans will depend on orders from UNO.

It is known that General Walker's main concern is to save the men of the 8th Army which he commands. He and General Collins, Chief of Staff of the American Army, went north today to watch the troops coming down the road and to select suitable positions for any defensive stand that may be ordered.

Future planning will certainly be affected by the fact that the Inchon port west of Seoul, can supply only a limited amount of supplies. Early today, when the extreme south, can deal with only a limited amount of supplies.

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They Pray As Etna Lava Streams Down



Women kneel in prayer whilst police and soldiers persuade them to evacuate to a place of safety as the advancing lava (in background) nears their homes in the hamlets built around Mount Etna. This picture was taken last month a day after the eruption began.—AP Picture.

Canada's UN Delegate Calls For A Cease-Fire In Korea

Lake Success, Dec. 5.

Canada's Lester B. Pearson called today for a cease-fire in Korea and for negotiation on Korean and other Far Eastern problems, with Communist China taking part. He spoke shortly after the UN Steering Committee sent to the Assembly the case of Communist aggression in Korea.

He said the talks should begin if and when the military situation is stabilised in Korea. He spoke in a Canadian broadcast as India and other countries, especially Asia, worked desperately to find some way to stop the fighting immediately.

These were the rapid fire developments in the UN.

1. The full Assembly was called into an emergency session for Wednesday to deal with the Steering Committee recommendation. The Soviet bloc is expected to fight the Committee action vigorously.

2. The Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie, who has talked twice with Mr. Wu Hsiu-chun of Communist China, said at a dinner in Mr. Lie's honour that the nations must seek every honourable means to keep the conflict from spreading, to bring an end to the fighting, and to renew negotiations on the wider issues that divide the world.

Mr. Lie said he was certain it would not be the fault of the UN if the peaceful effort fails.

3. India and other Asian countries were considering whether to appeal to both sides in Korea for an immediate cease-fire. It was said these countries would not issue an appeal if it were certain to be rejected.

4. Sir Gladwyn Jebb had lunch in his home with Mr. Wu and his advisors. It was a follow-up of a dinner given by Mr. Lie on Monday night for Mr. Wu and details of the talks were kept top secret. Britain has

recognised Red China but this is the first direct contact of such high officials of the two governments.

Mr. Pearson said nothing should be left undone to achieve an honourable and peaceful settlement in Korea.

"If for example, providing the military situation is stabilised, there could be a cease-fire followed by negotiations—possibly covering more subjects than Korea—in which the Chinese Communists would participate, there still might be hope of reaching such a settlement," Mr. Pearson said.

"At least, we would have done our best, and the responsibility for failure could be placed where it would belong."

He said he knew the policy, he suggested would be called "appeasement" but it is not appeasement. He said it is an attempt through diplomacy to reach a way of life with the Asian Communist world and declared that General Douglas MacArthur, UN Commander, had himself turned back to diplomacy the task of deciding what to do in Korea. At the same time, Mr. Pearson called for stronger defences in the free world.

The Steering Committee in sending the Korean problem to the Assembly disregarded a loud Russian blast against the United States and heeded instead an Australian warning that "there is a state of war going on."—Associated Press.

But, he said, the government "would not feel it right to ask the opposition to share in the responsibilities with the government for the decisions that may have to be taken during the talks at Washington."—Associated Press.

Later Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison, commenting on Mr. Blackburn's suggestion, voiced the government's "gratitude" for the support given by the Conservatives in the debate on foreign affairs last week.

But, he said, the government "would not feel it right to ask the opposition to share in the responsibilities with the government for the decisions that may have to be taken during the talks at Washington."—Associated Press.

PLANE FEARED LOST

Rotterdam, Dec. 5. Radio Marseilles tonight requested search for a Wellington aircraft enroute to Gibraltar which is believed to have crashed into the sea or on the coast.

The Marseilles report, monitored by Dirkwegers Shipping Agency, gave the aircraft's last position as 40.10 North and 01.45 East—between Majorca and the Spanish mainland.—Associated Press.

The Princess In Athens

Athens, Dec. 5. Princess Elizabeth arrived in Phaleron Bay, Athens, on board HMS Surprise this evening.

She will spend the night on board and disembark tomorrow morning for the six-day visit she and the Duke of Edinburgh will make to Greece as guests of King Paul and Queen Frederika.—Associated Press.

JUDITH COPLON WINS APPEAL

New York, Dec. 5. The United States Court of Appeals has reversed the conviction of the former government employee, Judith Coplon, on espionage conspiracy charges. The tribunal announced the

'Good Chance Of Avoiding War'

Berlin, Dec. 5. Dr. Ralph Bunche, winner of this year's Nobel Prize for Peace, said today that there was a "good chance" of avoiding war with China as well as a world conflict in which victory would be impossible for either side.

The former United Nations Palestine mediator, arrived here en route to Oslo, where he will receive his Nobel award.

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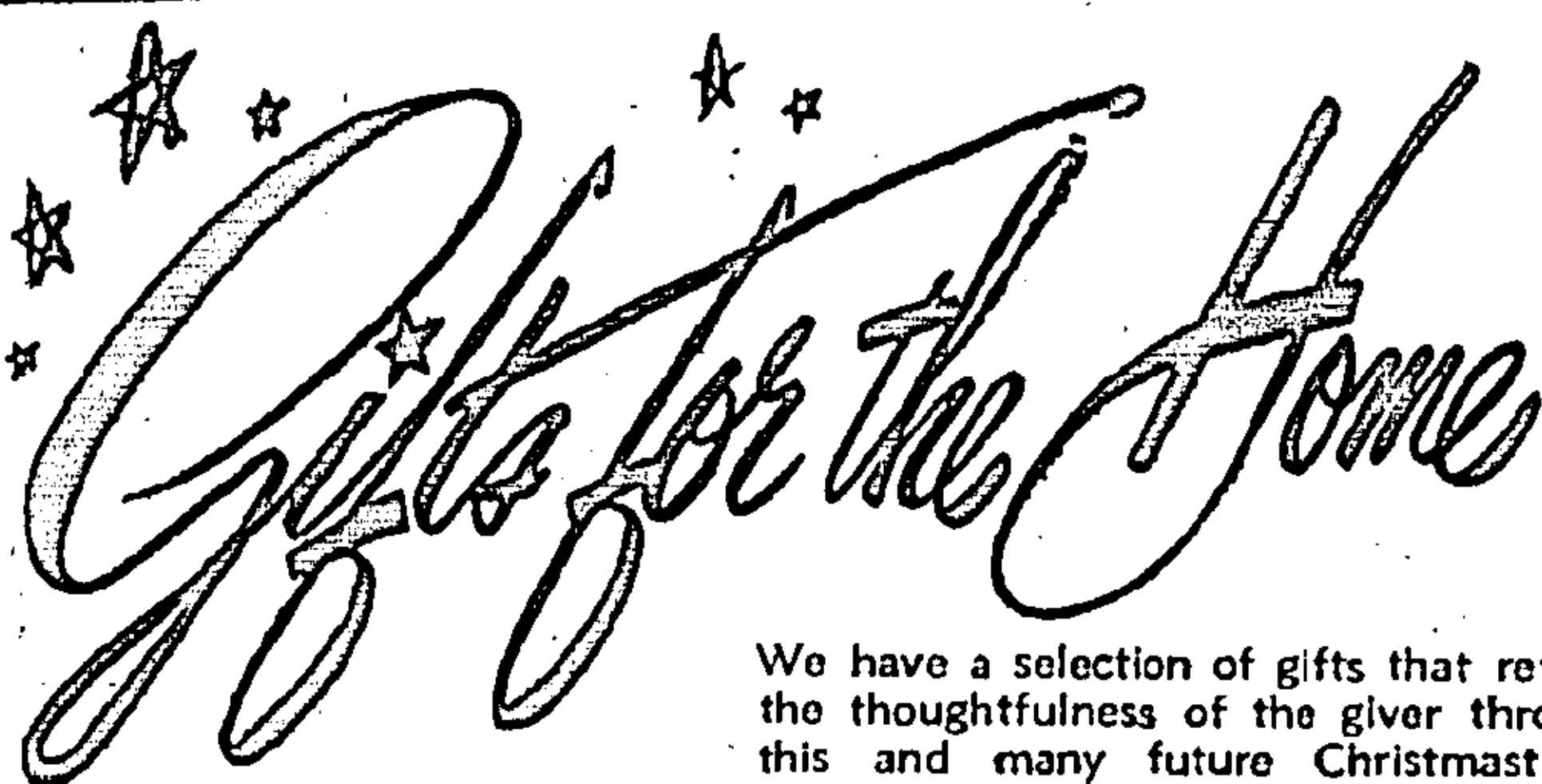
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RAAF MEN IN ACTION

Tokyo, Dec. 5. Mustangs of the Australian fighter squadron, for the first time since the commencement of the Korean war, flew in direct support of the Australian ground forces on Sunday, General MacArthur's Headquarters announced today.

The pilots had difficulty finding the well-camouflaged enemy troops, but wiped out 150 Chinese on a ridge and in a creek bed.

On the ridge, five miles east of Yopa, Lealio Reading dropped napalm fire-bombs on Chinese trenches.

In a creek bed near Kunuri, a slight led by Geoffrey Thornton made eight to 10 machine-gun passes on the fleeing enemy. —Reuters.

CHINA FORMALLY CHARGED

General Assembly To Take Up Six-Power Accusation

Lake Success, Dec. 5.

The United States and five other countries submitted to the General Assembly on Tuesday a formal charge that Chinese Communist troops were fighting the United Nations in Korea.

War Not Inevitable —Pleven

Paris, Dec. 5.

There was "complete identity of views" between the French and British Governments on the present international situation, the French Prime Minister, M. Rene Pleven, said today.

Addressing a Latin-American Club luncheon he said: "Some quarters have asked whether France has not asked Britain to act on France's behalf in order to put a French point of view before the American Government."

"This idea is without foundation," M. Pleven said. He believed that a common discussion of the present questions would be only the beginning of a series of discussions among the free Governments to decide what steps could be taken against aggression.

"War is not inevitable," M. Pleven said. He emphasized France's determination, together with all the free nations to defend its territory against all aggression, and added that for five years France had prevented a part of South East Asia from falling into the hands of the terrorist regime. —Reuters.

Situation In Korea Called Impossible

Washington, Dec. 5.

Senator Harry Cain, Republican of Washington, thinks General MacArthur should be authorized immediately to use every weapon against the Chinese Reds.

The Senator said that as matters now stand the situation is both impossible and fantastic. Asserting that General MacArthur has been denied authority to strike at and destroy the enemy's supply and communication lines, Mr. Cain said: "Such a problem has never confronted an army in all of history. My view is that we must endeavour to simply remove the United Nations forces from Korea. Whether this latter and possible step could be accomplished at this late date I am not qualified to say."

Senator Cain spoke at a luncheon meeting of some 500 delegates to the opening session of the three-day American Municipal Congress. — United Press.

Accusation Brought By Yugoslavia

Belgrade, Dec. 5.

The Yugoslav Communist newspaper, Borba, charged Bulgaria today with "open acts of provocation" and slander against Yugoslavia.

The Yugoslav Government "ruthlessly fabricated diplomatic news," endeavouring to present Bulgarian citizens as being persecuted and arrested in Yugoslavia, Borba said.

In spite of Yugoslav explanations, "the Bulgarian Foreign Ministry is continuing to produce notes in order to slander Yugoslavia."

"At the same time, the Bulgarian authorities are organizing provocations on the Yugoslav-Bulgarian frontier as well as armed assaults on Yugoslav frontier guards," the paper said. —Reuters.

Dinner Party To General Wu

Lake Success, Dec. 5.

General Wu Hsiu-chuan, the leader of the Chinese Communist delegation, met delegates from the countries which have officially recognized the Chinese People's Republic at a dinner given last night by Mr. Tzeng Li, the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The dinner lasted about two

The charge was contained in an explanatory memorandum submitted to the Assembly's general (steering) committee. It demanded that the question of Peking's open intervention in Korea be added to the agenda of this assembly session.

The memorandum, submitted by the United States, Britain, France, Norway, Cuba and Ecuador, was regarded by observers as surprisingly mild. It contended itself solely with the charge that "armed forces of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China are conducting military operations against United Nations forces in Korea."

Russia is represented on the committee but has no veto power.

The committee comprises Assembly President Nasrallah Entezam, of Iran, the Assembly's seven vice-presidents and the chairmen of the Assembly's seven standing committees, representing Australia, Britain, Nationalist China, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Iran, India, the Netherlands, Peru, the Soviet Union, Thailand, the United States and Venezuela.

After stating the charge against Communist China, the memorandum pointed out that the issue failed to come up for discussion in the Security Council "because of negative vote of one of the permanent members — the Soviet Union."

The memorandum continued: "Under these circumstances the delegations of Cuba, Ecuador, Norway, the United Kingdom and the United States believe the Assembly should now consider immediately the important and urgent question of the intervention of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China in Korea, with a view to making appropriate recommendations." — United Press.

PLACED ON AGENDA

Lake Success, Dec. 5. The Steering Committee of the United Nations General Assembly decided today to place Chinese Communist intervention in Korea on the Assembly's agenda.

Voting was 10 to two with one abstention.

The Steering Committee is composed of the Assembly President, the seven Vice-Presidents and the six main Committee chairmen.

Mr. Warren Austin (United States) said that United Nations forces in Korea had been on the point of achieving their objective of repelling aggression. Subsequently, United Nations forces were obliged to resist Chinese Communists.

Mr. Austin introduced a request by Cuba, Ecuador, France, Norway, Britain and the United States that because action on the matter was blocked in the Security Council by the Soviet veto, the Assembly should take up the question of Chinese intervention as an important and urgent matter.

Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky (Russia) objected to any discussion in the General Assembly of Chinese intervention in Korea, claiming that Chinese units there were exclusively volunteers.

If there were any complaints to be made they should be addressed to the Security Council. Therefore, he proposed that the Steering Committee shelve the question and send it back to the Security Council. — Reuters.

Only the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia opposed placing the matter on the agenda.

The Steering Committee's recommendation will go before the full General Assembly for final approval and the Assembly President said that the question would be sent to the main Political Committee for consideration.

It was later learned that the Steering Committee's recommendation will come before a

Lisbon Court Defied By Red

Lisbon, Dec. 5.

Antonio Dias Lourenco da Silva, aged 35, warned a court here today that sooner than many people think Communist would be prosecuted in Portuguese courts instead of accused. He was remanded until December 14 on a charge of being a member of the Central Committee of the Portuguese Communist Party which is illegal.

He said in court that he was very proud to be a member of the Committee. — Reuters.

Taft Calls For Further Consultation

Washington, December 5.

Senator Robert Taft insisted today that the administration must consult Republicans on the Far Eastern crisis, and demanded that more facts be given to the public.

Asked if he thought there was not enough consultation with Republicans on the present crisis, he replied: "The Republican Party is not being consulted at all."

Those Republicans summoned to the White House or the State Department during the past few days "were simply called to be brought up to date on the facts."

He did not think Republican leadership in either the House or the Senate had been consulted on policy.

Mr. Taft, felt the administration "should put more facts before the people and invite discussion of the fundamental principles involved—apart from the Korean situation." He alleged there was "not enough leadership to develop any intelligent debate."

Asked if he thought the current conferences of President Truman and Mr. Attlee would provide a good opportunity to give a report to the country, he replied that this would be "a good opportunity to let the American people participate in developing foreign policy." — United Press.

Hongkong Subject Of Talks

Attlee - Truman Discussions

Washington, Dec. 5.

Usually reliable sources said that the atomic bomb was not discussed on Monday or Tuesday by President Truman and Mr. Attlee.

The reason was that neither of them considered this to be a practical proposition at this time.

The sources stressed that Mr. Truman and Mr. Attlee agreed that a larger conflict must be avoided at this time, but that there was a point of forbearance beyond which they could not go.

Mr. Attlee was well satisfied that President Truman regards Western Europe as the world's most important strategic area and that the United States will see that this area is considerably strengthened.

The talks are still in the stage of review and consequently no decisions have been taken but a very full briefing was given at today's conference on the grave situation in Korea. The whole situation in the Far East was discussed on the yacht Williamsburg, and this included Indo-China, Malaya and Hongkong.

They said Mr. Attlee continued to maintain the British viewpoint on recognition of Communist China and its admission to the United Nations under certain conditions, but this had not in any way prevented overall agreement of views on the Far Eastern situation.—United Press.

Not Guilty Of Plot To Slay Dr Salazar

Lisbon, Dec. 5.

Seven men were today cleared of charges of having plotted to overthrow the Portuguese Government and assassinate Dr Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, the Prime Minister, three years ago.

Two of the accused were acquitted and the other five sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from eight to 13 months for illegal possession of arms.

All five had already been in prison awaiting trial for periods longer than their sentences. The verdicts, announced today, said that five of the accused were found guilty of possession of arms but that it was not proved that they held the weapons for the purposes alleged in the charges. — Reuters.

Peking Adheres To Convention

Tokyo, Dec. 6.

Communist China on Tuesday declared its readiness to adhere to the Universal Postal Convention but temporarily suspended postal parcels and consignment against reimbursement.

This was announced in a letter sent on Tuesday to the director of the Universal Postal Union by the Director-General of the General Post Office of the People's Republic of China. The text of the letter was published by the Peking Radio. — United Press.

Settlement In Greece

Athens, Dec. 5.

King Paul of Greece and the Prime Minister, M. Venizelos, will go to Salonika in January to discuss the settlement of North Greek problems.

North Greece's agricultural development and local reclamation works are important problems which need the Government's urgent attention. Salonika's harbour must also be reorganised.

The probable expansion of Greek-Yugoslav trade and transport for Yugoslav goods must also be considered. These and other outstanding questions will be dealt with on the spot to give the Northern population a sense of national unity. — Reuters.

Indian Mediation Offer Not Yet Put Forward

Washington, Dec. 5.

Indian sources said today that the Ambassador, Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, who had been expected to confer with the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, today, probably would not see him until "later this week."

The sources said Mr. Attlee's schedule had made it impossible to arrange a definite meeting today.

There is considerable interest here in such a meeting because of India's attempts to bridge the differences between the Chinese Communists and the Western powers. British sources said no definite appointment for Madame Pandit was in the schedule arranged. They said Mr. Attlee would meet all Commonwealth representatives here early on Friday but it was probable Madame Pandit would see him alone before then.

Madame Pandit has been thoroughly briefed from New Delhi on her government's position, which is that every possible avenue of compromise in the Korean conflict should be explored.

However, neither she nor Sir Benegal Rau, the permanent Indian delegate to the United Nations, has been authorised to make any mediation offer at this time.

It was understood Madame Pandit's instructions from New Delhi were to get from Mr. Attlee a complete explanation of his and President Truman's position regarding Korea, so that the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, can decide whether it would be worthwhile offering India's good offices. Mr. Nehru's decision also would be influenced by the reports from Sir Benegal, who is exploring peace possibilities with General Wu Hsiu-chuan and other Chinese Communist representatives at the United Nations.

Meanwhile, the feeling is growing in some Washington quarters that the possibility of mediation while the United Nations forces are still on the peninsula are growing more remote. — United Press.

Inconclusive Jet Fight

Tokyo, Dec. 5.

Two Russian-type jet fighters dropped from the sun at a speed of 500 miles an hour today to attack four United States Shooting Star jets near the Yalu River.

The Americans jettisoned their bombs and chased the Communist aircraft back across the river. No damage was reported on either side. — Reuters.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Leo Falk and Phil Davis

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Atlantic Pact Nations May Establish

Young Prince Charming

Heat Wave In Australia

Melbourne, Dec. 5. Southern Australia is suffering from midsummer heat. In the hottest December day for four years, five persons died here, a number collapsed at work and 40 were treated at hospitals for heat exhaustion. Beer supplies gave out in many hotels. Some bars closed early this afternoon to conserve supplies for the last hour rush caused by the six o'clock closing law.—Reuter.

Bradley's Estimate On Korea

Washington, Dec. 5. General Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said late today that reports that he had talked of a general evacuation of Korea were "misleading and merely speculation."

Any reference to evacuation in testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was only "in connection with the hard-pressed troops in the extreme northeast sector, which are now moving back to concentration in a beachhead."

"There apparently have been conflicting reports circulated on my testimony before the executive and off-record session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee this morning," said General Bradley's statement.

"There is no record of the testimony taken because of the military security involved. One report seems to indicate I said that a 'Dunkirk' plan is set and withdrawals by UN troops have now made it possible to evacuate them if the defence line cannot be held in Korea. Any reference I made to evacuation was in connection with the hard-pressed troops in the extreme northeast."—United Press.

Australia To Arm

Canberra, Dec. 5. Reliable sources said an urgent meeting of the Australian Cabinet and Service chiefs decided on Tuesday to strengthen the armed forces in view of the international situation.—United Press.

Armed Force This Week EISENHOWER'S APPOINTMENT FORECAST FOR TODAY

London, Dec. 5.

The Atlantic Pact nations, scared into the spectre of war, are expected to set up this week an allied armed force under General Dwight Eisenhower to defend Europe.

Red Plot In South America

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 5. The independent Brazilian newspaper, O Globo, reported today that a meeting of police chiefs from all South American Republics was being considered to plan a co-ordinated action against an alleged Communist plot to "eliminate" several Heads of States in the Americas.

The newspaper reported on November 25 that Brazilian police were in possession of the Communist plan for action in South America.

Claiming authoritative information from police sources, it claimed that the plan represented "a vast programme of diabolical subversion in the Americas."

The paper reported today that the Brazilian Minister of Justice, Senhor Dias Fortes, yesterday held talks with the Federal police chiefs and the head of the political police to study the Communist plan, a copy of which it alleged had recently been examined by the Brazilian General Staff.

The newspaper stated that the South American Federal Police chiefs would consider a common offensive against Communism throughout the South American continent with the special objective of stopping the "subversive plot."—Reuter.

Karachi Arrest

Karachi, Dec. 5. Ghulam Nubi Durrani, a middle-aged Pakistani interpreter at the Afghan Embassy here, has been detained by the police for security reasons, an authoritative source reported here today.

Pakistan-Afghanistan relations have long been strained because of "Pushoonistan," an independent homeland for Pushtu-speaking Pathans of the North-West Frontier.

Afghanistan is at present represented in Karachi by a Charge d'Affaires.—Reuter.

The 12 Atlantic Pact deputies met on Monday night and were reported near agreement after wrangling over details since July 19. An announcement will be made on Wednesday.

German manpower will form a vital part of the fighting force—if the Germans are willing. The big job ahead, once the other nations themselves reach agreement, is convincing the Germans.

A British spokesman said on Monday his Government would like to see recruiting start in Germany as soon as possible. The wheels should start rolling even if no definite agreement was reached on whether Germany should be part of a European army or as individual units of an Atlantic force.

America's turning her face toward the Far East has had far greater effect on spurring Europe into action than all previous warnings by the United States delegate, Mr. Charles Spofford, chairman of the Atlantic Pact Deputies, about the need for "urgency" and "speed."

How soon General Eisenhower will come to Europe to take over his old command is not known. He will not have much to work with in the beginning. There are now two American and two British divisions in Germany, with each nation planning to send another early next year. The goal is to get a force of 50 divisions—including the equivalent of 10 from Germany—within three years.

Any agreement reached by the Deputies will have to be smoothed out by the chiefs of staff and the defence ministers, but the basic job is being done on a lower level.

This job has been terrific, and one big stumbling block has been financing the forces. The United States will undoubtedly foot a good share of the bill, but difficulties on that score which have been a few months back have shrunk in face of the common danger.—United Press.

Washington, Dec. 5. State Department officials on Tuesday confirmed reports from London that the North Atlantic treaty deputies are considering the Dutch plan for the appointment of a commissioner in control of German armed forces which may be recruited as part of a Western European defence establishment.



Sweden's "Prince Charming" — four-year-old Crown Prince Carl Gustav, seen with his mother, Princess Sibylla, in search of Sweden on the globe. The Crown Prince's father died in 1947. His grandfather is Gustav VI Adolf of Sweden, who succeeded to the throne on the death of 91-year-old King Gustav V.—AP Picture.

AMERICAN HINT OF EVACUATION

London, Dec. 5.

An authoritative source said today that Mr. Attlee has sent word to the Cabinet from Washington that the Allies may be forced into a mass evacuation of Korea.

Mr. Attlee sent a most pessimistic appraisal of the Korean military situation and was "shocked" at the review of the war picture given by General Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The British position still is avoided but Mr. Attlee's visit to Washington has brought home the realization of how difficult this will be.

Meanwhile the question was raised in the House of Commons whether Mr. Winston Churchill should have accompanied Mr. Attlee to make it evident there was no difference of views in Britain. Mr. Churchill said he was satisfied Mr. Attlee could handle the talks with Mr. Truman without him.

A British source said that firm opposition to the bombing of Manchurian bases was founded on three reasons:

- (1) It would very likely mean war with China.
- (2) Its effects on the Chinese offensive would not be felt for several weeks.
- (3) There have been reports that the Soviet Union has moved fighter aircraft into Manchuria to intercept American bombers if they strike at Manchuria.—United Press.

Koreans Request Mobilisation

Soul, Dec. 5. The South Korean National Assembly at a secret emergency meeting today decided to ask General MacArthur for weapons for 1,000,000 South Koreans to be mobilised immediately, a usually reliable source here said tonight.

The Korean Government has decided to send messages to Britain, France and the United States asking for the immediate despatch of arms.—Reuter.

DINNER OFFENDS

Soul, Dec. 5. The pro-Government Seoul newspaper, Tei Han, tonight attacked India's delegate to the United Nations, Sir Benegal Narsing Rau, for having met the Chinese Communist delegates at Lake Success.

"Do you think the representatives of Communist China are honourable guests and gentlemen?" the newspaper asked in an editorial addressed to Sir Benegal.

"Do not entertain them. Why the dinner party? Are you trying to work out a peace treaty with them? If so, we doubt if you really know what you are doing."—Reuter.

Britain's Delegate Entertains Peking Representatives

Lake Success, Dec. 5.

Sir Gladwyn Jebb, chief British delegate to the United Nations, entertained the chief of the Chinese Communist delegation at luncheon today.

It was the latest phase of the accelerated social round about to meet to put on the agenda of the 60-nation group the West's charge that the Chinese Communist Government had sent its troops into Korea to fight the United Nations.

Sir Gladwyn's lunch party followed a dinner given on Monday night by Secretary-General Trygve Lie for the Chinese Communists at his Forest Hills home.

Those present at the luncheon included Sir Gladwyn, India's Sir Benegal Rau, Pakistan's Sir Zafarullah Khan, Israel's Moshe Sharet and Sweden's Dr. Grastrom.

Informal sources said the desired result of the get-together at Sir Gladwyn's home was to "convince the Chinese Communists that Russia is not a country that is willing to talk peace and that there are other governments which are willing to recognise the Peking regime and have dealings with it."

ECA Allocation

Washington, Dec. 5. The Economic Co-operation Administration today allocated to West Germany \$200,000 worth of non-ferrous ores and concentrates to be purchased from Japan, and \$100,000 worth of lumber and sawmill manufactures to be purchased from Thailand.

It also allocated to the Netherlands \$185,000 worth of textile products purchased in Japan.—Associated Press.

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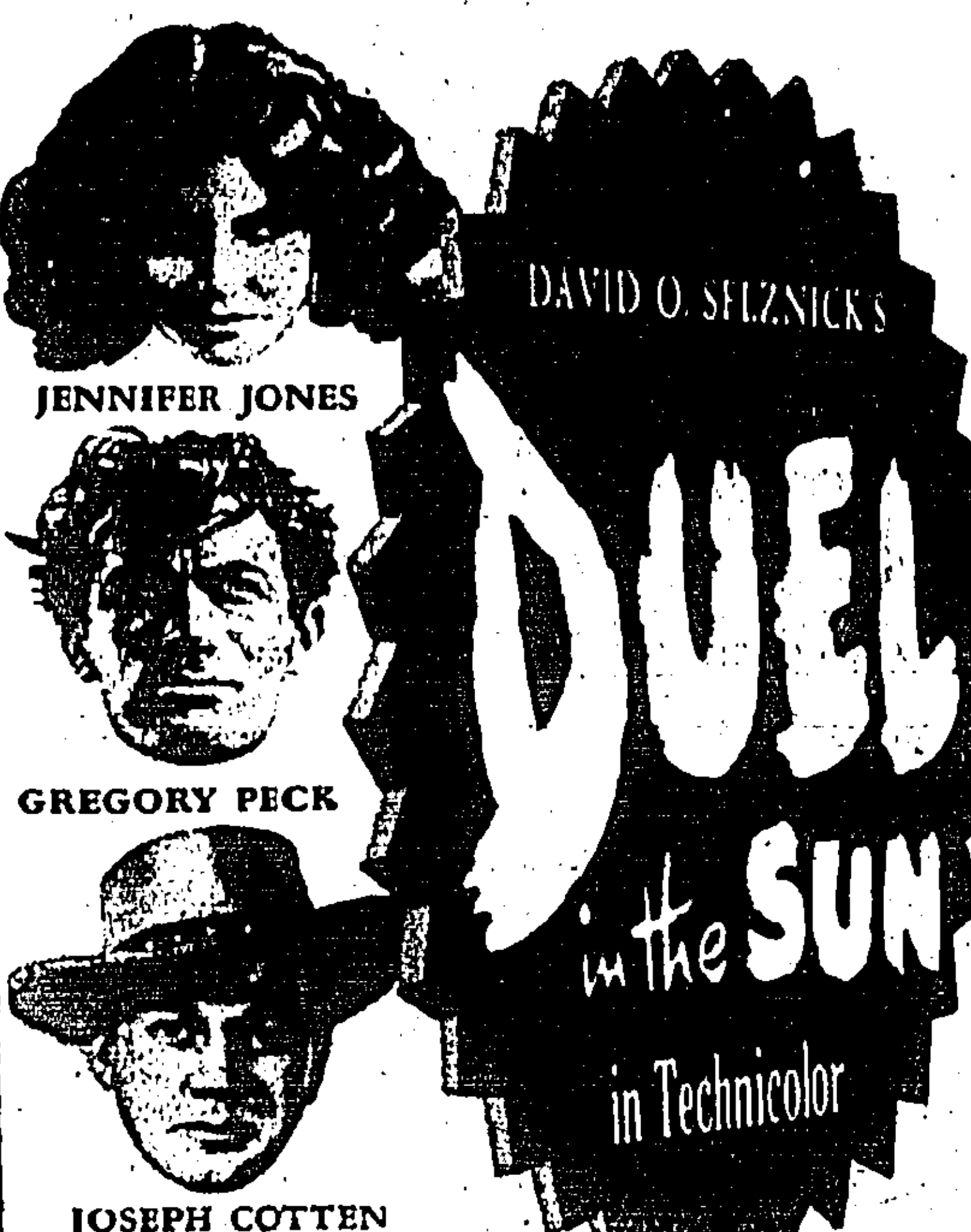
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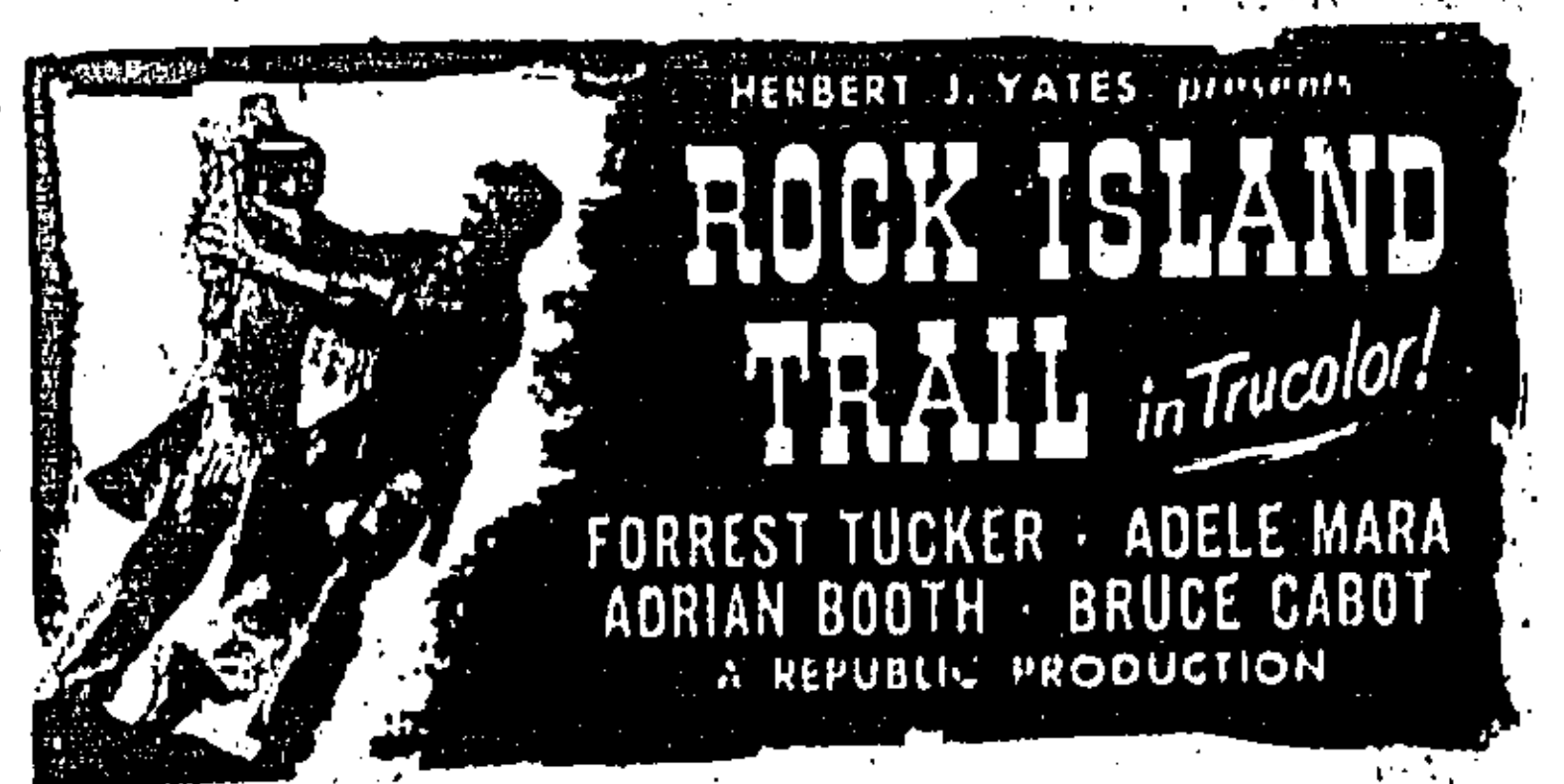
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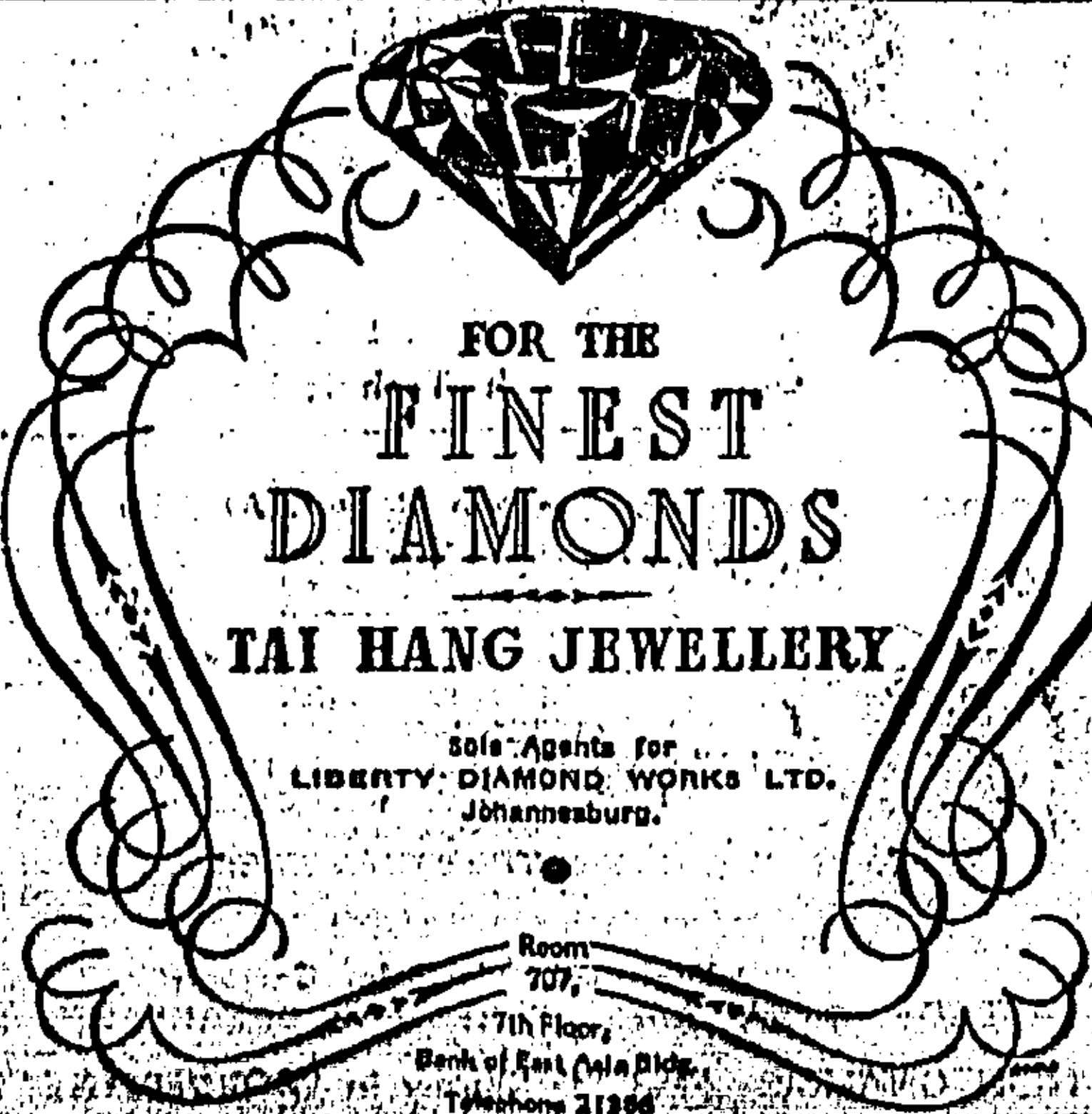
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1951 STAGES THE LITTLE EXHIBITION

Queen Victoria's jewel-case may be among some 200 rare exhibits to form part of a "Little 1851 Exhibition" which will be held at the Victoria and Albert Museum next year.

Every one of the exhibits is being checked as having been actually shown at the Great Exhibition of 1851.

The Little Exhibition will open on May 1, exactly 100 years after its great ancestor.

The King and Queen have offered to lend the jewel case, at present at Windsor. Distinguished people, museums and art galleries, old-established firms, and private collectors have all co-operated in the scheme.

WEASELS AT TEA

Efforts are being made to borrow some of the famous small stuffed animals in human pose—frogs, shavings, each other, weasels at a tea party, which so delighted mid-Victorian children.

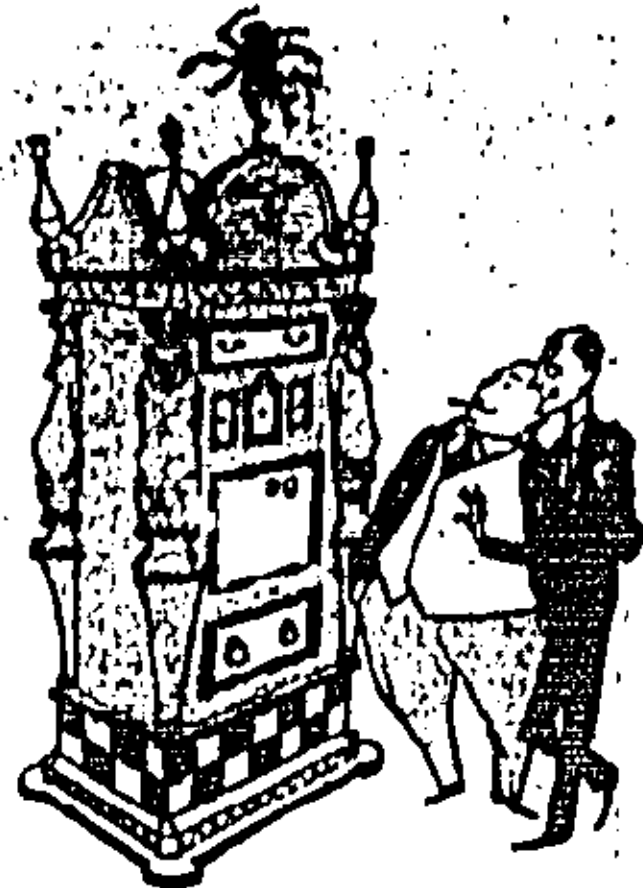
The Little Exhibition will be mainly housed in four galleries. Lithographs, drawings and cartoons telling the story of the Great Exhibition from the time it originated in the mind of Sir Henry Cole to its creation and its final removal from Hyde Park to Sydenham will occupy the wall space.

FOR NOBEL FESTIVAL

Many famous British scientists are going to Stockholm for the Nobel Festival on December 10. This is the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Nobel prizes. King Gustaf, Sweden's new king, will present the prizes this year.

The British scientists expected at Stockholm include Sir Alexander Fleming, discoverer of penicillin, who won a 1945 prize; Sir Henry Dale, who shared a Nobel prize for medicine in 1936; Sir George Thomson, physicist (prize for physics, 1937); Sir Lawrence Bragg (prize for physics, 1915); Dr. Ernst Boris Chain, who helped to develop penicillin (prize for physiology and medicine, 1945); and Professor A. V. Hill (prize for physiology and medicine, 1922).

SOCIAL COMMENTARY by Cummings

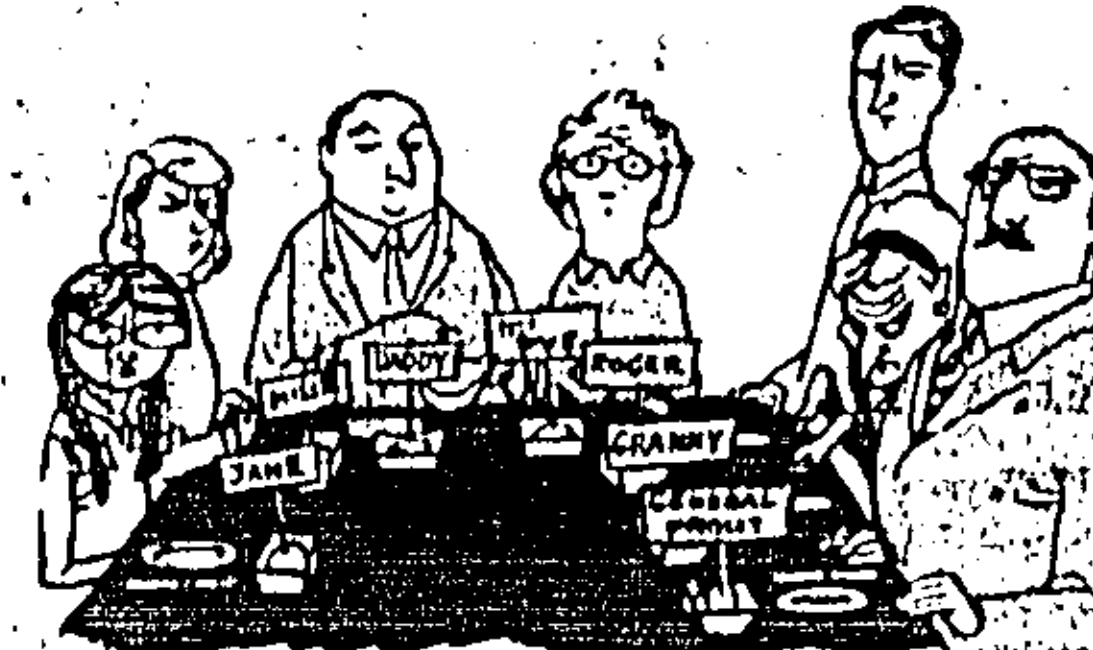


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HOW TO BE A GOOD GUEST



When visiting straight from a Continental holiday, don't forget that butter is STILL rationed in the United Kingdom

London Express Service

FACTORY FLU WAR BEGINS

A campaign is being launched throughout Britain this month to reduce the number of industrial workers losing time with colds and influenza.

Managements of 15,000 factories in England and Wales are being asked to display posters issued by the Ministry of Health.

Efficiency experts estimate that colds and influenza cost industry 40 million man-hours a year and a great deal of money.

They want to do all they can to keep exports flowing and to help rearmament.

The unions are playing a big part in the "anti-cold" fight.

One of them, the National Pharmaceutical Union, has taken more than 11,000 copies of a poster for display in chemists' shops.

This shows a television set with a very large handkerchief wrapped round the screen under the announcer has suggested. Campaigners say that humorous posters do far more good than gloomy ones.

Sailor Builds "Church" In Six Weeks

An old sailor, Mr Francis Smith (30 years at sea, 24 in sail), of Doggett Street, Leighton Buzzard, has just built a church in six weeks.

It is only three feet high, but there are over 2,500 parts to it. It is a scale model of Leighton Buzzard parish church, and he is giving it to the vicar, the Rev. S. J. Forrest, to raise money for the £2,500 repairs to the steeple.

His tools were a fret-saw, scissors, pliers, hammer, meat skewer and jackknife.

And 16-year-old Terry Summers of Shoreham-by-Sea has rebuilt—in replica—the former Chamber of the House of Commons that was destroyed by bombs. It is part of a large-scale model of the House of Parliament he has made mainly from photographs.

The model is made of balsa wood, and Terry's chief tool has been a razor-blade—and then a tube of glue.

Altogether 10,000 separate pieces have been used, for, unlike ordinary models, the Peer's Court and other picturesque nooks hidden within the four famous outside walls, are reproduced with uncanny accuracy.

They seek fish that vanished 5000 years ago

Somewhere in the South Polar sea is the research ship Discovery II. She will be away for two years.

No one awaits her homecoming more eagerly than Mr Stanley Howell, of Broadway, Gillingham, Kent, the Admiralty expert responsible for fitting out her hull.

He supervised the construction of a special cage by which it is hoped to capture a kind of fish which was believed to have been extinct for 5,000 years until a specimen was caught recently by a South African trawler.

BOYS AND GLIVE

How Does One Cross a Brook?

—Glive, the Snail, Had No Idea—
By MAX TRELL

"I DON'T suppose," Glive the Snail said as he stuck his head out of the door of his house, "that anyone is around to help me get across this brook?"



Glive told Willy his problem.

No one was around. So no one answered Glive. He looked at the brook again. It was quite wide. The water in it was flowing very fast—just rushing by though no one could guess why it should be in such a hurry. Here and there were some moss-covered stones, some of them quite close to the banks of the brook, some of them right in the middle where the water was deepest. If you had long legs you could step from one stone to the other and get yourself across to the other side. But Glive didn't have any legs.

"I don't suppose—" Glive began again in a louder voice.

At that moment Willy Toad, who had been looking for doodle-bugs in the Pine Tree Grove, came hopping over. "You don't suppose, huh?" said Willy. "What don't you suppose?"

"It's no use telling you," said Glive in a disappointed voice. "You won't be able to do it."

Next Moment

"Do it? Certainly I can do it! Do what, Glive?" Willy asked the next moment.

"Help me get across this brook to the other side."

"Is that all?" said Willy in surprise.

"That's all," said Glive. "Just get me across."

"Now let's see. You want to get across to the other side of the brook? Is that it, Glive?"

"That's it exactly?"

"H'mm," said Willy. "Why?"

"Why do I want to get to the other side? Because if I don't get to the other side I'll still be on this one, and if I'm still on this one I'll never be on the other side. That's why," said Glive.

Willy scratched his head and looked puzzled. "It doesn't make much sense," he said. However, he decided that this was Glive's affair and not his. The important thing was to help Glive the Snail get to the other side. "The way to get across a brook is to build a bridge from one side to the other."

"Yes," said Glive, "but how do you build a bridge?"

Finally Glive waited under the shade of a daisy. Willy hopped off to find a boat somewhere along the bank of the brook. He hopped for quite awhile, shouting as he went.

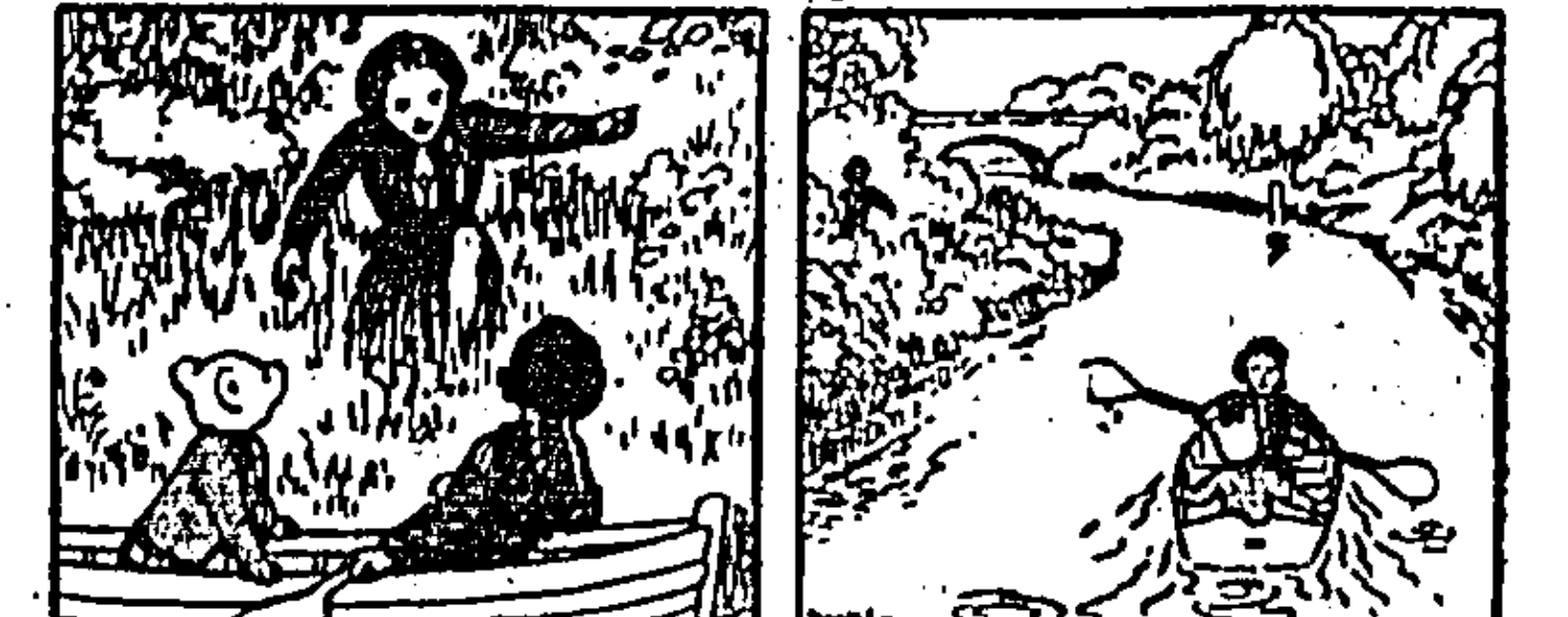
It's not in the book. How you cross a brook, But I know the way, Hoary, hoary, You just need a goat, No, I mean a coat, No, I mean a boat! Yes, I mean a boat!

Finally Willy got tired of looking. He felt so tired that he hopped under a damp log and soon fell asleep. When he woke up, the moon was shining and the stars were blinking. Something told him that he had forgotten to do something for somebody. All at once he remembered about Glive. He hopped back to the willow tree as fast as he could.

"Oh Glive, I'm so sorry!"

"Don't mention it," said Glive. "I'm glad you forgot about the boat. I've decided that if I cross the brook I'll just have to cross back again. And if I have to cross back again, why don't I stay here to begin with?" And that settled it!

Rupert's Climbing Adventure—39



Beckoning Rupert and Pauline to the bank, Beryl kneels and speaks very softly. "I picked up the trail of those bandits easily enough," she whispers, "but they're behaving very oddly. One of them has stayed in the wood, and I heard the other moving away towards Nut-

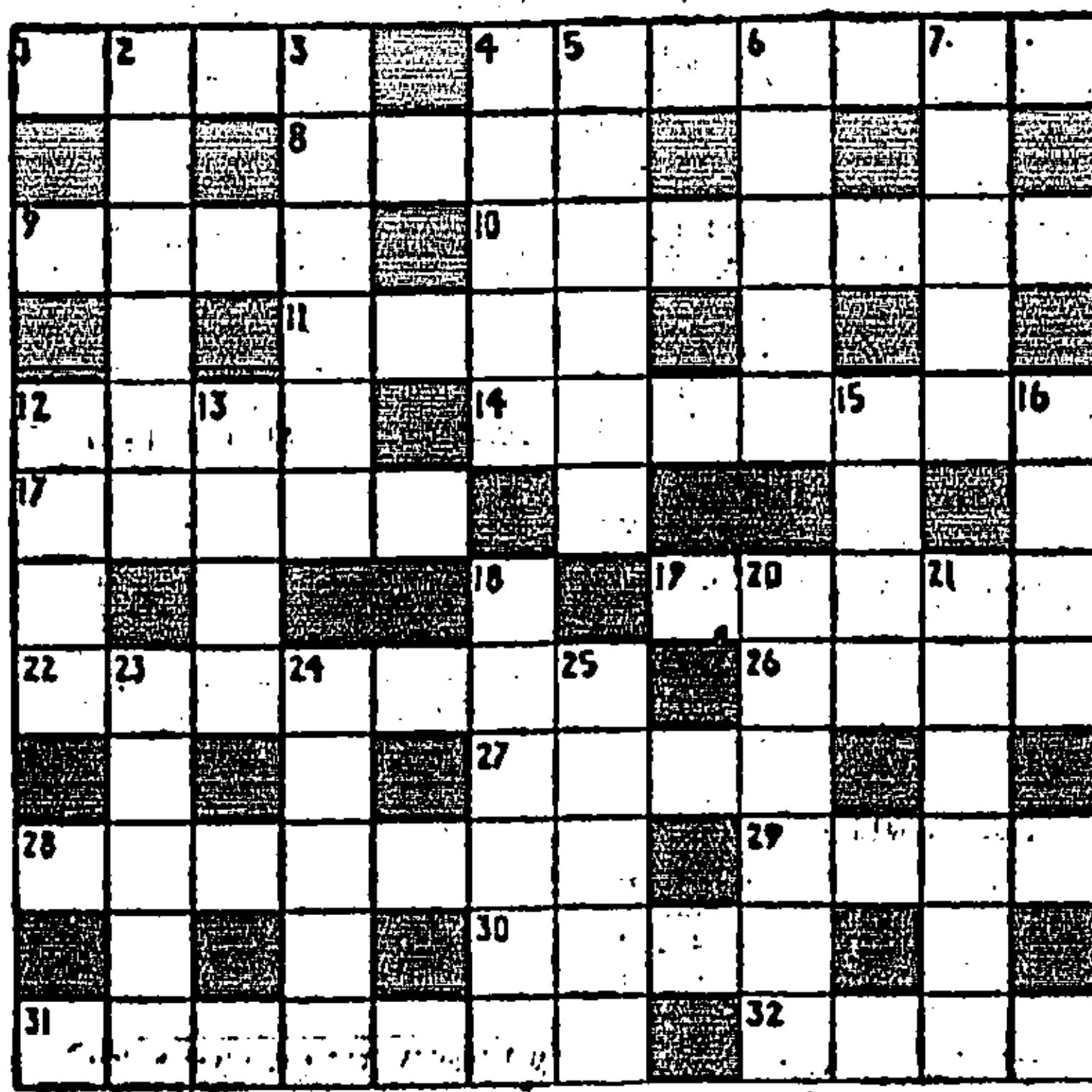
wood. They're not running away at all. I couldn't see or hear anything of Bingo." "Then let's hurry," suggests Rupert. "If one of them is going that way we may reach the bridge first and watch what he does." So Beryl runs along the bank and Pauline takes the path again.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Smart
- 4 Wandered
- 8 Hastened
- 9 Voice
- 10 Ennui
- 11 Frank
- 12 Manager
- 14 Boat
- 17 Admitted
- 19 Take without right
- 22 Exhaust
- 26 Cupid
- 27 Assert
- 28 Advance
- 29 Fable
- 30 Loosen
- 31 Express dissent
- 32 Naked

DOWN

- 2 Insincere
- 3 Select
- 4 Insurgent
- 5 Beau
- 6 Tree
- 7 Run away
- 12 Tie
- 13 Break
- 15 Journey
- 16 Knocks
- 18 Standing
- 20 Dispute
- 21 Put to flight
- 23 Mistake
- 24 Restrict
- 25 Occurrence

TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Appear, 5 Hound, 8 Debar, 9 Morlar, 10 Laird, 11 Merit, 12 Reef, 13 Boast, 16 Robust, 18 Teapot, 20 Spend, 23 Wago, 25 Liked, 26 Sepia, 28 Forget, 29 Strip, 30 State, 32 Teuton. Down: 1 Admirals, 2 Fermeate, 3 Adam, 4 Reredos, 5 Hallibut, 6 Orates, 7 Nerve, 14 Straight, 15 Threaten, 16 Kudlate, 17 Benoit, 18 Enlist, 21 Pleasant, 24 Dope.

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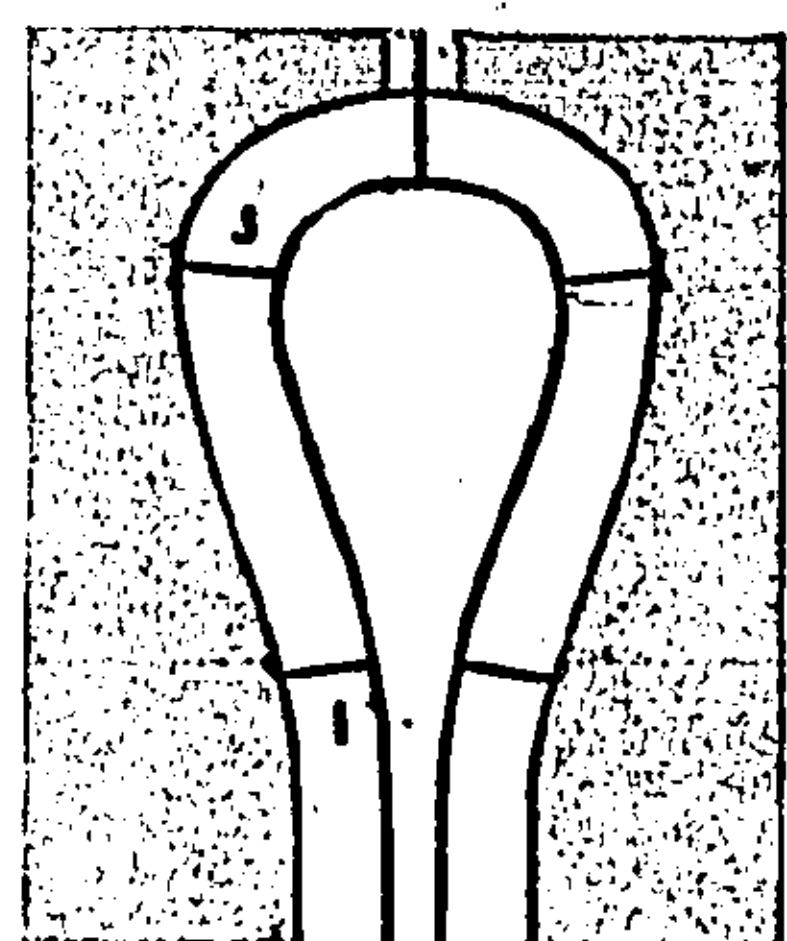
Your Sewing Scrapbook
By Mary Brooks Picken

Fashionable, Easy-to-Make Velvet Cape Stole



Turn back $1\frac{1}{2}$ " at each side
front as a facing. Even off fac-
ing at top part of front. Dart in
on curve, as at I.

Stretch outer edges on outside
curve so facing lays flat. Use a
scrap from upper left-hand cor-
ner to make a facing the same
width for across back neck, as
at J.



Fabric Required

Buy $1\frac{1}{2}$ yds. of 42" fabric,
the same amount of 40" or 42"
crepe. Straighten velvet and fold
wrongside out, fold next to you.

Chalk Out Stole: A is 17" from
lefthand edge, B $\frac{1}{2}$ " neck plus
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " above A, C is 2" to left of A.
D is 8" above fold on left-hand
edge.

Measure in from fold on
right-hand edge $1\frac{1}{2}$ ", then 11"
for E and F, G is 10" to left of
F, H is 20" to left of E.

Make curve from C to B and
slope down to H, as shown.
With chalk on a string, string
held at B, draw an arc from D
to F, as shown. Draw a line D
to C.

Cut Stole: Cut C to D, around
curve to G, G on straight
lengthwise grain to F. Cut on a
curve C to B for back neck.
Cut on fold from C to right-
hand edge.

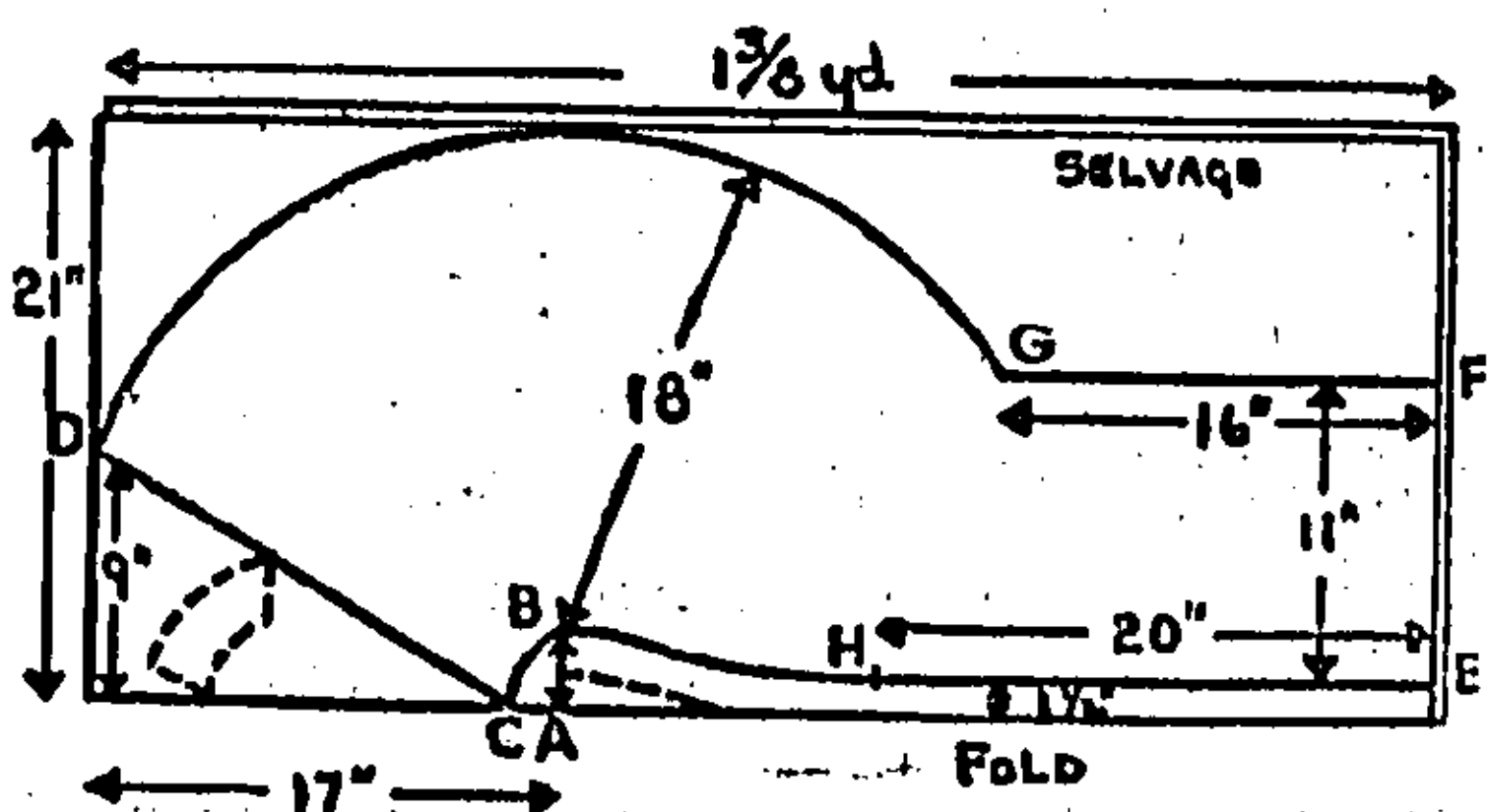
Cut Lining: Make the same as
stole but 1" narrower at centre
front. Place right side of lining
to right side of stole. Stitch cen-
tre front lines of lining and
stole each side.

Pin all edges together care-
fully. Then baste, leaving back
neck open. Stitch on all edges
all way around. Clip corners.

Through Neck Opening

Turn stole right - side out
through neck opening. Fell lin-
ing down across back neck.
Steam edges all way around,
when stole will be finished.

If desired, a cord can be
sewed to right front with a hook
at one end and an eye at lining
edge of front hem to hold stole
together at neck.



THE velvet touch is with us
to lend elusive charm and
warmth to almost any type
of costume. Black velvet is used
for this beauty of a dinner hat
at left designed by Peg Fischer.
It is banded with a graceful
scroll of velvet that rises high
at the front above the tiny brim
which is underscored by a
chenille-dotted brow veil. This
is a nice young hat with a
slightly mischievous charm despite
its dressy intent.

By ALICE ALDEN

There is no doubt about it,
the coat is undergoing plenty of
changes. Now trends which
have been quietly introduced
are making fast headway. An
American alpaca type fabric is
used for this interesting, trend-
setting coat, at right that offers
many novel departures. There
is the low-bellied back, and
finally the interesting pocket de-
tail, all of which look very new,
novel, and youthful.

Home Laundresses Should Follow These Ideas

By ELEANOR ROSS

IT'S a pity that washbowl
laundry is only too often a
slap-dash affair, because that
type of laundering is what
many a business girl has to
put up with, not to mention
travellers and housewives who
must make the best of cramped
living space. A little extra
care and a bit more than just
a box of soap flakes, can make
all the difference in the world,
and make for garments that
look as bright, as smooth and
finished as a full-scale opera-
tion.

Washing Aids

Water softeners, bluing,
bleaches and starches can be
used in a washbowl just as in
a washing machine, and they
should be. Dirt comes out
much faster, with less rub-
bing, if water is softened. Use
a water softener suitable for
fine fabrics, and add before
soap (or use a synthetic de-
tergent). As clothes dried in-
doors may yellow, use a
bluing. There are soap-flake
varieties that, added to the
suds, save an extra bluing
operation. To keep white cot-
tons from turning gray, add a
chlorine bleach to the wash
water. Follow label directions
to the letter. The manufac-
turer has spent time and
money on working these out.
Starch all cottons you want to
look crisp after washing and
rinsing, using a prepared
starch.

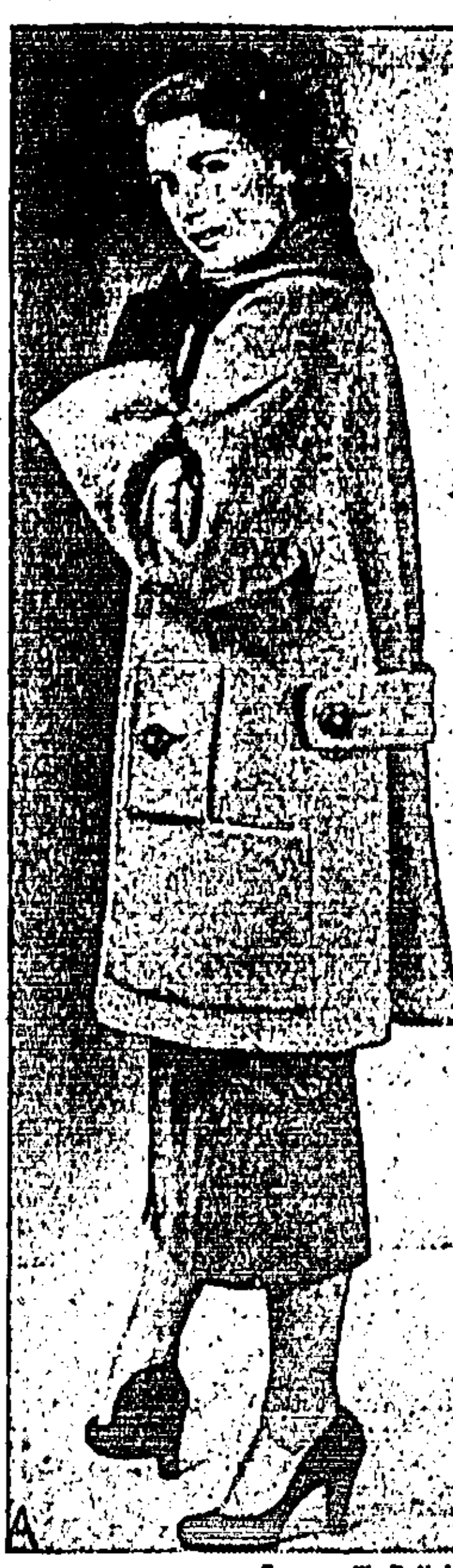
Water Temperature

As for the general washing
directions, don't soap any
garments, except heavily-soiled
wool socks. Make a thick suds
from mild soap or synthetic
detergent. Water as hot as the
hands can bear is the ticket
for white cottons. For colour-
ed cottons use warm water.
Woolens take tepid water,
while lukewarm water is pro-
per for rayon, nylon and silk.
And, whatever the fabric, be
sure to keep wash water and
rinse water the same tempera-
ture.

Work quickly and lightly,
always squeezing suds through
garment, never rubbing, twist-
ing and pulling. Since a wash-
bowl's capacity is so limited,
you may have to use more
than one suds to get a gar-
ment thoroughly clean. This
is the stumbling block over
which most washbowl laun-
dresses stumble. Use soft,
clean brush and thick suds on
any badly soiled portions, such
as a neck-band.

Don't Wring

A second suds is needed for
hard or rusty water. Use at
least two rinses or, best, con-
tinuous rinsing until water is
absolutely clear. Don't let
clothes stand in the water. Do
not rinse, pull or twist and,
above all, work quickly.
Squeeze water out by rolling
in a clean Turkish towel and
kneading to remove excess
moisture before hanging to
dry. Remember always, that
wringing distorts fine fabrics
and only adds wrinkles. Do
not leave coloured rayons in
towel, and dry coloured gar-
ments away from direct sun-
light, and iron while still
moist.



Beautifying An Expressive Feature

By HELEN FOLLETT

FILM STARS draw upon all
their charms of face, figure, and
features but most especially
their eyes that play a
strong and definite part in facial
expression.

Pretty Janis Carter knows
how important it is to have
lovely eyes. Besides using make-
up, cream eye area regularly.

The eyes are highly expres-
sive of the emotions. It is the
movement as well as the bright-
ness of the eyeball that makes
it so attractive. How do you
use yours? Ponder a bit on that
matter. They have wonderful
possibilities for creating beauty.
Sparking eyes give active life
to the face.

Believe it or doubt it, but
your eyes are a part of your
brain and directly under the
control of the will. Your eyes
can hide your thoughts or speak
them, as you speak with words.

Delicate Fibres

The eyes are framed with
small, delicate fibres that must
be kept firm and strong if they
are to be a perfect setting. One
way of keeping them healthy is
to bathe the eyes twice a day,
first with warm water, then
with cold. After the bedtime
bathing, use a special cream
made for the purpose. You will
find these at cosmetic counters.

Anoint the flesh lightly, fric-
tion ever so gently, doing circles,
going outward over the upper
lid, inward over the lower one.
These movements will keep
squirrel lines from forming, will
help erase those that may be
there.

Keeping Tissues Firm

During middle age every
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SIR PATRICK HASTINGS' CASE-BOOK... CHAPTER 9

THE CASE OF THE ILLUMINATING DOTS

ONE of the strangest and most difficult actions I ever had to conduct was the one I call The Case of the Illuminating Dots.

It was strange because I had to take on the job of being a detective so that I could win the case; it was difficult because, until those dots were discovered, the evidence amounted to nothing more than suspicion.

The action was brought by some bookmakers against Richard Abrahams, racing correspondent of a London newspaper, and W. Harvey, a Post Office clerk, claiming damages for conspiracy to defraud.

Although Mr. Abrahams' job was to report winners for his readers, his own betting ventures were unwholesome.

In fact, he had a consistent bad time until suddenly his fortunes changed and, from being a regular loser, he became so successful that his luck was too good to be true.

Soon apparent

They therefore decided to make some inquiries into the methods by which he had won.

All Abrahams' bets were made in telegrams sent by him or on his behalf, from the racecourse Post Office where only skilled and experienced officials were employed.

It soon became apparent that if there was a trick it could only have been perpetrated in collusion with one of the Post Office staff.

So they investigated the activities and personality of every telegraphist on duty at a racecourse at which Mr. Abrahams had been operating, with particular attention to those occasions on which Mr. Abrahams had been exceptionally successful.

It was discovered that there was one telegraphist who was invariably present when Mr. Abrahams enjoyed a particularly good day—a man named Harvey.

Harvey had been employed in the Post Office for many years and he bore the highest character. Indeed, not the faintest breath of suspicion had ever attached to him; but a minute examination of his attendances revealed circumstances which were, to say the least, suspicious.

Profit and loss

When Harvey was in the Post Office while Abrahams was betting on the course, Abrahams almost invariably won; when Harvey was absent Abrahams almost invariably lost.

Abrahams' accounts with the Services Pari-Mutuel Ltd. showed that between December, 1933, and June, 1934, there had been 57 racing days. Of these Harvey had not been on duty for 40 days, and Mr. Abrahams' betting account showed a loss of £203. On the 11 days when Harvey had been on duty, Abrahams had won 33 bets out of 37, and made a profit of £679.

Abrahams also betted with a bookmaker named Dey. Between June, 1934, and February, 1935, there had been 24 racing days on which Abrahams had made bets with him. Harvey had been on duty on 14 occasions. During his absence Abrahams' account showed a loss of £137, but during those 14 days Abrahams had made 31 bets, won 29, and made a profit of £394.

Not encouraging

Abrahams' account with Messrs. Ladbrooke differed only in that the amounts were larger. Between June, 1935, and June, 1936, a summary of Mr. Abrahams' dealings on occasions when Harvey was absent showed the trifling profit of £78. But when Harvey was present Abrahams, betting in the name of Smith, won £1,021.

The bookmakers told their suspicions to the postal authorities, who, being jealous of their employees' reputation, sent an inspector, accompanied by a

police officer, to take statements not only from Harvey but from every postal clerk who had attended the relevant race meetings.

From the bookmakers' point of view the results were not encouraging. Not only was Harvey's character and reputation of the highest, but he indignantly repudiated any possible association with Abrahams.

Indeed, he went much further. He said he did not know Abrahams, had never even seen him, and there was not the faintest evidence that his statement was untrue.

Never alone

More was to follow. It was discovered that Harvey was never alone in the telegraph office and all the other clerks working with him were equally beyond suspicion.

Each was interrogated; all were unanimous that it was absolutely impossible for Harvey or anybody else to tamper with a telegram after it was handed in.

There was only one discovery that might seem important. On the actual telegrams the horses' names, unlike the body of the message, had been written in printed characters and, therefore, might have been inserted later than the other portions.

But even this was not uncommon. It is quite usual for punters to leave the name of the horse selected to the last moment before dispatch. But the bookmakers were far from satisfied of Abrahams' and Harvey's honesty. They believed a swindle had been worked like this:

Abrahams handed in a telegram in blank, and the telegram would be duly stamped with the precise moment of acceptance. Harvey would then keep his eye on a confederate, who, in his turn, could see the winning post.

Easy theory

The confederate would signal the winning horse to Harvey, who would insert the name in the blank space.

The theory was, of course, easy to form, but much more difficult to prove; direct evidence would be required to establish such an ingenious fraud.

Now, another small incident was discovered that might turn out to be important. Abrahams had made a substantial bet through Harvey and had lost, but subsequent inquiries established the fact that the loss had been out of the usual course of events.

The horse specified in the telegram had been the first to pass the winning post, but subsequently had been disqualified on an objection.

A confederate watching the race would, of course, have been unaware of the objection when he signalled to Harvey. At least it was a possibility, although perhaps just one more coincidence.

Another difficulty was the absence of motive. As a rule people do not enter into a conspiracy except to make money, and there was not the slightest indication that Harvey ever received a penny of Abrahams' winnings.

Every time

More inquiries were made and it was eventually discovered that every time the bookmakers had sent a cheque to Abrahams or his nominees, the whole, or a substantial amount, had found its way into Abrahams' banking account.

Abrahams had then drawn a bearer cheque in his own favour, receiving in exchange either £1 or £5 notes.

All the £5 notes were traced, and there could be found not the slightest indication that any of the money found its way into Harvey's pocket until, at the end of the inquiries, one suspicious note turned up.

It was a five, and on its back were the initials "W.H."—the initials of Harvey.

Immediately the inquiries were intensified. The note had been passed into the hands of a tobaccoist, whose business included supplying tobacco to different branches of the Post

Office. Harvey was employed at one of the branches. The tobaccoist was closely questioned, but he was quite unable to connect the note with any payment made by Harvey. All he could say was that he asked any person handing him a £5 note either to sign or initial it.

Best report

He did not know Harvey or his handwriting, nor who had given him the five.

The note was submitted to handwriting experts, but the best report that could be obtained said that while there were elements of suspicious similarity, it was impossible to consider them conclusive.

Despite the inconclusive evidence, the bookmakers were satisfied that they had been defrauded, and brought their action, which was tried before Mr. Justice Lawrence and a special jury.

From the outset it was apparent that the bookmakers needed a detective rather than an advocate. An advocate cannot make bricks without straw, and the facts put before the jury amounted to little more than light suspicion. But suspicion is not enough to support so serious a charge, and unless some new factor could be discovered, I was more than doubtful about the result.

I presented the facts and when the plaintiffs' case had been completed we were no further forward. It was still only suspicion.

Gift from gods

But Abrahams and Harvey had to reply to the charge—and Abrahams made one mistake, a mistake which put his character in a very different light to that suggested by his protestations.

He upbraided with the utmost indignation any suggestion that he had been guilty of fraud. But so anxious was he to prove his honesty and his great position on the turf that he went too far.

"Why," he said, "these bets were nothing but a bagatelle to me. In the past I have won as much as £1,500 on a single bet."

The complacent arrogance of Abrahams was a gift from the gods. I knew at once that bet for £1,500 and, as he had introduced it, I was allowed not only to cross-examine him about it, but also give direct evidence about the true facts.

I began my cross-examination: "Did you at one time carry on a business as a bookmaker with a man named X?"

"I did."

"Was Mr. X generally employed as a bartender?"

"That appeared to be correct. Did X obtain the money to finance the business from a rich gentleman whom we will call Y?"

"That also appeared to be accurate."

Mr X

"Did the business purport to make an unsuccessful bet with a man named Abrahams, and as a result owe Mr. Abrahams the sum of £1,500?"

"That is so."

"And were you yourself the Mr. Abrahams concerned?"

The question appeared to cause Mr. Abrahams grave unhappiness. But there was more to follow.

"When Mr. Y innocently discharged the debt to Abrahams, did you and X cut up the £1,500 between you?"

At this point Abrahams became involved in some most confusing explanations. If only, he said, he could discover the whereabouts of X, so that he could call him as a witness, everything would be satisfactorily explained.

I was able to assist him. X had resumed his occupation as a bartender, and I was able to offer to Abrahams the address of his employment, but, however grateful Abrahams must have been at the information, his friend X never appeared in the witness box and no further information was forthcoming.

Although gravely discredited, Abrahams still adhered to his protestations of innocence on the issue then before the

court. He still maintained that he had not known Harvey; that he had never paid him a penny in his life and that there was no ground whatever for suggesting a conspiracy between them.

When Abrahams left the box the case was not much more advanced than when we started. It was most unlikely that Abrahams would be regarded as a truthful, or indeed an honest, person, but we had set out to prove that he and Harvey were joint conspirators, and we had failed. Unless some admission could be obtained from Harvey our prospects of success were far from rosy.

Irreproachable

Harvey was a witness of a different calibre. His character was irreproachable. Witness after witness was called from the Post Office on his behalf to prove, not only his character, but that it was physically impossible for him to have manipulated the telegrams.

In a voice, that appeared to carry complete conviction he swore that he did not know Abrahams, and had never received a penny of his money. If there was any fraud, he said, he, at least, was completely innocent.

He was asked to take a pen and print the name of the winning horse so that his printings could be compared with the printed names appearing on the telegrams. But there is all the difference in the world between words written in printed characters and in ordinary handwriting, and we could get but little further.

He was shown the initials on the £5 note, and swore without the slightest hesitation that they were not written by him, and that, as far as he knew, he had never seen the note before.

And then, like a bolt from the blue, came a discovery that altered the whole case. It was not advocacy that turned the scale—it was detection.

Unusual

When Harvey had first been examined by the police, in the early stages of the inquiries, a long and detailed statement had been taken from him. In accordance with the usual practice he had affixed his signature at the end, while every one of the preceding pages bore his initials.

That statement was produced in court, the initials were examined, and I observed that the initials bore a somewhat unusual appearance.

Harvey had placed a dot after each initial half-way up the letters. Excitedly we scanned each page of the statement. The dots were placed in precisely the same place in every case.

We sent for the £5 note. And after each letter of the initials "W. H." the dot appeared half-way up the letters.

The case was virtually over. The initials had been signed by Harvey on a note paid him by Abrahams. We had proved that they both shared in the proceeds of Abrahams' winnings.

What before had been coincidence, had now become an obvious sequence of events, what had been a suspicion, now became a certainty.

Final result

The jury returned a verdict convicting both Abrahams and Harvey of a conspiracy to defraud, adding a rider to the effect that the main responsibility lay with Abrahams.

That the final result was correct I was quite satisfied; that it was brought about by the sudden and unexpected discovery of Harvey's method of signing his initials I am convinced. What would have been the result if that discovery had not been made, I do not know. But of this I am quite certain.

The bookmakers owed a debt of gratitude to Harvey's illuminating dots.

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PRINCE PHILIP'S COUSIN MISSES HIS STUDY OF POLYANDRY

... the custom of having more than one husband

by FRANK GOLDSWORTHY

KALIMPONG. The invasion of Tibet has upset the plans of Prince Peter of Greece to study the tribal practice of polyandry—the sharing of one wife by several husbands.

Prince Peter, tall, athletic, 41 years old, is first cousin of the King of Greece, the Duke of Edinburgh, and the Duchess of Kent. He studied anthropology at London University, then decided to specialise in field research into polyandry.

For eight months he has been waiting at Kalimpong with his wife, Princess Irene, hoping to get an entry permit into Tibet. Always the Lhasa Government has answered: "Not just yet."

Wearing riding boots and a bright turtleneck shirt open at the neck, Prince Peter, a keen horseman, told me:—

Fascinating

AS the prince described it: "A wife is usually shared among brothers; but there, they tell me, she may be shared between father and sons if a father remarries while his sons are single, or if a father is widowed."

"The social sequence would make an fascinating study to complete my survey."

Princess Irene, a Russian noblewoman, whose family was exiled by the Revolution, helps her husband by obtaining the more intimate details of family

life from polyandrous wives. While the prince was studying the Todas, a polyandrous aboriginal tribe in Southern India, he lived for five months in a tent outside the hut of a family of three grandfathers with a common wife, three sons with a common wife and their seven children.

Said Prince Peter: "I even shared their food and had stomach trouble in consequence."

Since he settled in a hillside bungalow at Kalimpong the prince has been learning the Tibetan language, and spending many hours with an interpreter bringing wool caravans to the Kalimpong market.

Many nuns

SAYS the prince: "Nowhere is polyandry more widespread than in Tibet. It is practised by the best families."

"The generally accepted motive is economic. If three sons were to take separate wives the family land would be split into small uneconomic units."

"But if brothers share a wife, and their sons in turn share a wife, the house and land can be passed down intact from generation to generation."

Prince Peter commented: "Surprisingly enough to Western minds, it works out happily, and does not result in particularly big families."

"Of course, there are lots of surplus women, but in Tibet where nearly every family sends a son to the monasteries, many unmarried women become nuns. A fundamental principle of polyandry is that all children are the common property of the husbands."

Do the women resent the system? "No," says the prince. "In fact, it is a time of great rejoicing when the bride lines up for the marriage ceremony—often arranged by her parents—with her three or four bridegrooms."

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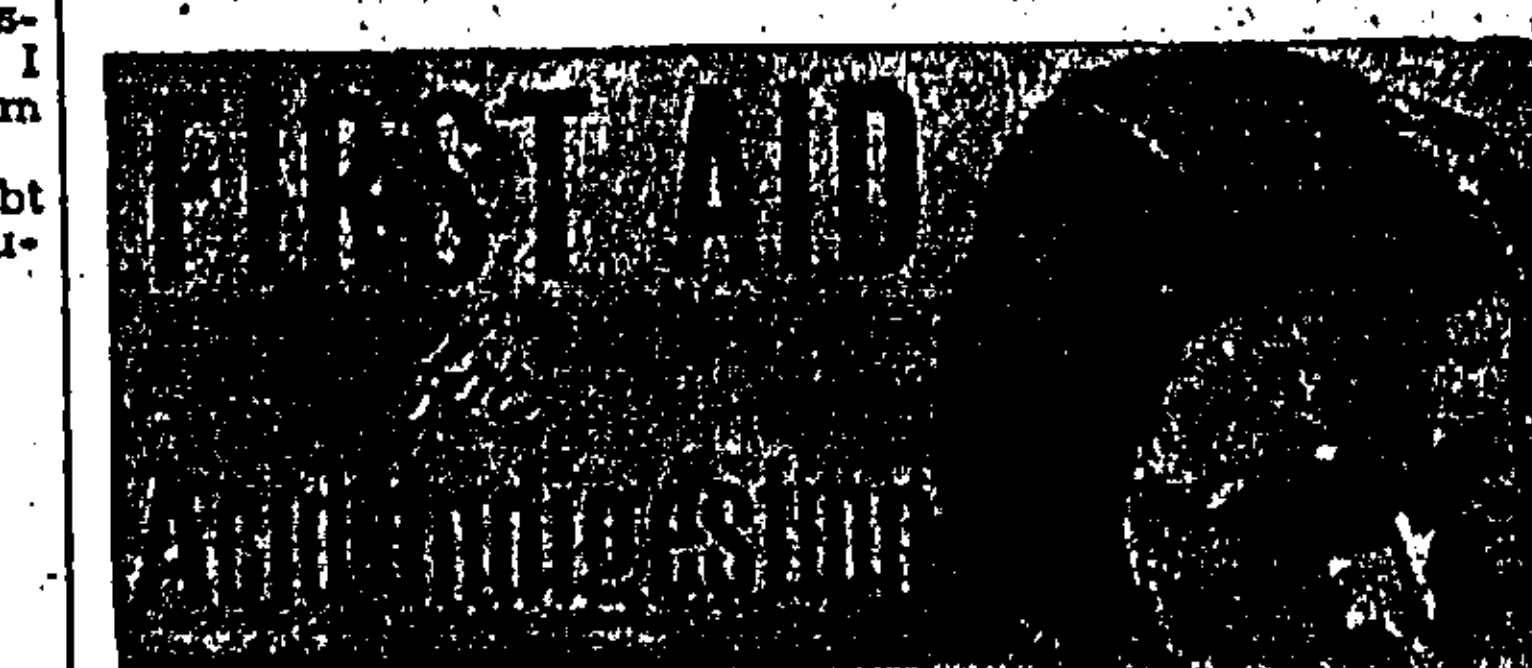
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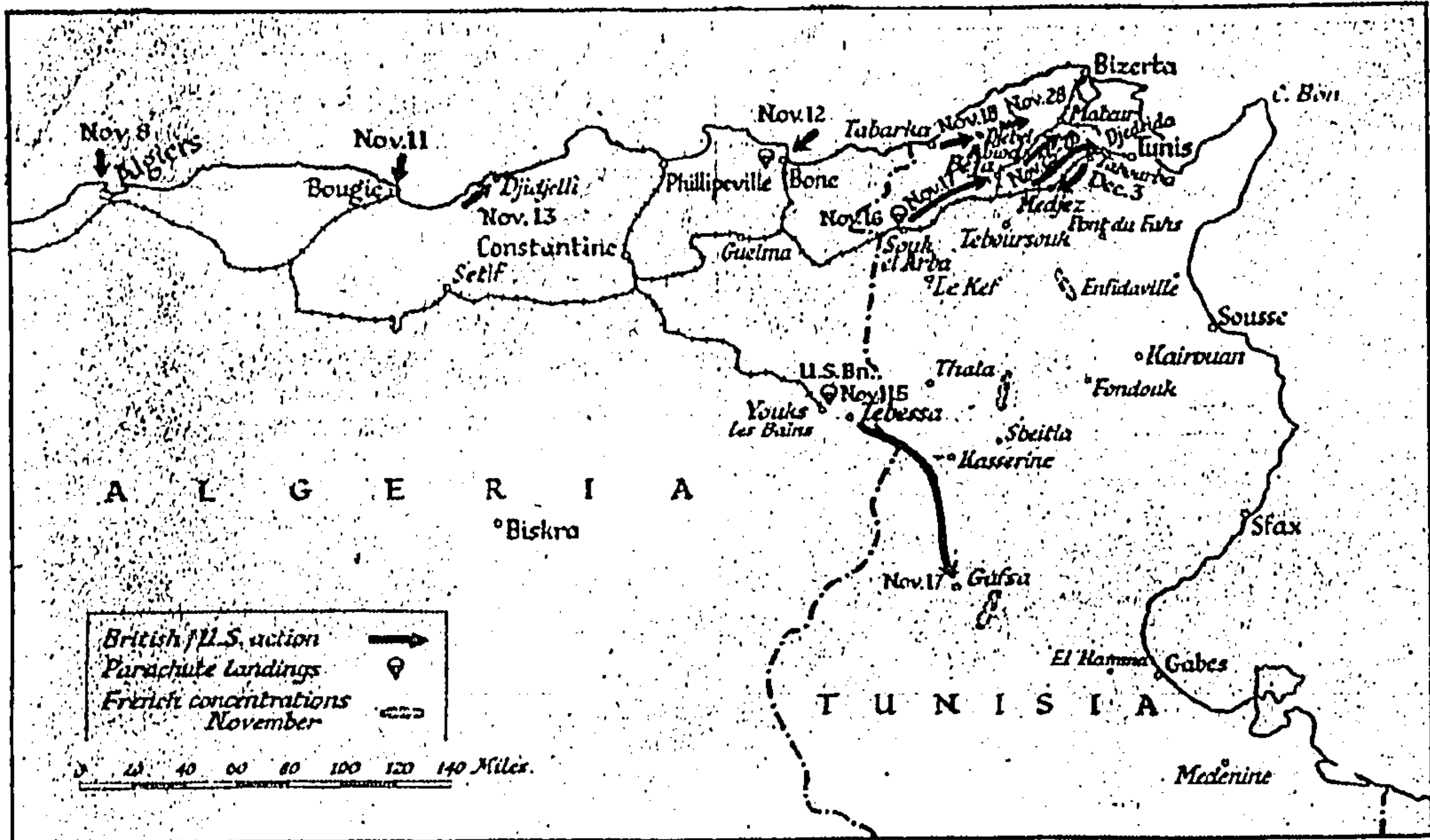
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FRENCH IN VICHY CAUGHT UNAWARES

By Winston Churchill

FOR the all-American operations comprised three landings. In the centre the main attack was made at Fedala, close to Casablanca. Flanking attacks took place at Port Lyautey in the north and at Sidi in the south. In some places the first troops landed unopposed, but resistance soon stiffened, and for a time there was severe fighting, particularly near Port Lyautey.

At sea a fierce action took place. In Casablanca lay the unfinished new battleship Jean Bart, incapable of movement but able to use her four 15-inch guns. She was soon engaged in a gun duel with the American battleship Massachusetts, while the French flotilla, supported by the cruiser Primauguet, put to sea to oppose the landing. They met the whole strength of the American fleet, and when operations ceased seven French ships and three submarines had been destroyed, with a thousand casualties. The Jean Bart had been gutted by fire and beached.

Midnight ride

At midnight the party left Casablanca in three cars, and two hours later took over the headquarters in Rabat, the capital, together with the telephone exchanges of the General Staff and the post office. Unluckily, Gen. Nogues's secret line was over-looked, and during the next fatal hours the Resident-General was able to communicate freely with the commanders of the main bases throughout Morocco.

Icy reception

On the morning of Nov. 9 Gen. Giraud and a little later Gen. Clark, acting as Gen. Eisenhower's personal deputy, flew to Algiers to arrange with the French authorities the immediate ending of all hostilities. The reception of Giraud by the leading French commanders was icy. The local Resistance organisation, so long fettered by both American and British agents, had already collapsed. The first conference held by Clark that evening produced no agreement. It was obvious that Giraud would not be accepted by anyone of importance as Supreme French Commander.

Far more important was the news that the Germans had begun to invade Unoccupied France. This simplified Darlan's position. He could now maintain, and his word would be accepted by local officials and commanders, that Marshal Pétain was no longer a free agent. The German move also struck Darlan's vital nerve. Very soon advanced German elements would be entering the great French naval base at Toulon. As in 1940, the fate of the French Fleet was now again in the balance.

All arrested

On the morning of Nov. 10 Gen. Clark, who recalled the new situation, arranged a second meeting with the Admiral. He told Eisenhower by radio that a deal with Darlan was the only solution. There was no time to engage in telegraphic discussions with London and Washington. Giraud was not present at this meeting. Darlan hesitated on the grounds of lack of instructions against the Allied landings. The Admiral at length agreed to order a general "Cease fire" throughout North Africa. "In the name of the Marshal," he assumed complete authority throughout the French North African territories, and ordered all officials to remain on duty. Finally he telegraphed instructions to Metropolitan France that the Toulon fleet was to put to sea if in danger of imminent capture by the Germans.

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Laval hastens

During the early hours of Nov. 8 reports had begun to flow into Vichy of the Allied approach. Laval, sleeping at his house hard by, was rung up by the German political representative at Vichy with an offer of German support should the landings develop in force in North Africa. Laval hastened to the centre of government. At 4 a.m. the American Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Pinckney Tuck, arrived at Marshal Pétain's private office with the letter from the President.

Laval took control. He collected his close supporters and drafted a negative and hostile reply for the Marshal to sign the morning. An hour later the Vichy Admiralty informed Darlan in Algiers of the German offer to give air support against the Allied landings. The reply from Darlan suggested that the German air forces based on Sicily and Sardinia should attack the Allied transports at sea.

It was not until 7 a.m. that the Marshal was awakened to hear the news. He showed little visible emotion or even interest in Laval's draft reply to the American President. He accepted it without demur, whistling a little haunting tune to himself. At nine he received Mr. Pinckney Tuck to hand him his reply. There are several accounts of the climax of this meeting. It is said that when Pétain handed the document to the American he gave him a knowing tap on the shoulder. The aged Marshal acted throughout these days like a man in a dream.

But any illusions of Vichy that a double game could still be played by them between the Allies and the Germans were soon dispelled. Nazi pressure hardened, and at 11.30 a.m. the Vichy Cabinet accepted the German offer of air support from Sicily and Sardinia. This callous decision enabled the Germans to take the quick, decisive action of occupying airfields in Tunisia, with all its costly consequences upon our campaign.

Later in the day a second Cabinet meeting accepted a

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formal rupture of diplomatic relations with the United States.

That evening Hitler summoned Laval to Berchtesgaden. Laval set out by car in the morning but only reached Munich in thick fog early on the 10th. He was therefore on the road during the hours when Darlan was negotiating with the Allies in Algiers, and while the news of these parleys was injecting a little hope into those few men at Vichy who still wanted the Marshal to come out on the Allied side.

Both Weygand, who had come to Vichy on purpose to dissuade the Marshal from giving in, and Admiral Auphan, Minister of Marine, tried their best. They even got him to agree to a draft telegram to Darlan approving his move.

Secret message

The Germans had intercepted Darlan's message to Vichy, and Laval under their pressure forced Pétain to send a message to Algiers disowning Darlan's actions. Gen. Clark, when confronted with Darlan's apparent readiness to withdraw the orders he had issued, put the Admiral under arrest. The arrival of a secret message from Pétain, however, in a special naval code and the news of further German advances into Unoccupied France restored both the situation and the tempers of those concerned in Algiers.

On the following day, Nov. 11, it was agreed that Darlan should send categorical instructions to the Toulon fleet to put to sea, and further messages were sent to the French Resident-General in Tunisia, Admiral Esteva, to join the Allies.

Admiral Esteva was a faithful servant of Vichy. He followed the cataract of events with mounting confusion and alarm. As he was closer to the enemy in Sicily and on his eastern frontier, his position was worse than that of either Darlan or Nogues. His high subordinates matched him in equal indecision. Already on Nov. 9 units of the German Air Force occupied the important airfield at El Aouina. On Nov. 13 German and Italian troops arrived in Tunisia.

Ships idle

Depressed and wavering, Esteva clung to a formal allegiance to Vichy, while the Axis forces in Tripolitania were coming from the east and the Allies hastened from the west. The French Gen. Barre finally moved the bulk of the French garrison westwards and placed himself under the orders of Gen. Giraud. At Bizerta, however, four destroyers and six submarines surrendered to the Axis.

In Alexandria, where the French naval squadron had been immobilised since 1940, parleys took place without effect. Admiral Godefroy, its commander, persisted in his loyalty to Vichy and refused to recognize the authority of Admiral Darlan. In his view, until the Allies had conquered Tunisia they could not claim to have the ability to liberate France. Thus his ships continued in idleness until in the fullness of time we conquered Tunis.

Troops dropped

As soon as the Algiers landing was well established Gen. Anderson [commanding the First British Army], as previously arranged, took over command from the United States Gen. Ryder. He despatched his 30th Infantry Brigade by sea to Bougie, which they took unopposed on Nov. 11; one of its battalions reached Djidjelli airfield next day.

Two British parachute companies dropped on Bone on the 12th, and were supported by Commandos from the sea; others on Souk-el-Arba airfield on the 16th, whence they advanced to Beja and farther on met Germans in position. The 30th Brigade, pressing on rapidly by road, crossed into Tunisia, and at Djebel Abied on Nov. 17 met German troops. Meanwhile United States paratroops had dropped at Youks-les-Bains on the 15th, and reached Gafsa also two days later.

German strength

Great dash and enterprise had been shown in gaining ground so fast, but now that the enemy were met the pace must slacken. The Germans had taken prompt measures. Their first contingents arrived by air on Nov. 9, and soon two parachute regiments and four battalions of reinforcements originally destined to reinforce Rommel sought to bar the way. By the end of the month the Axis forces in Tunisia amounted to 15,000 fighting troops, with 100 tanks, 60 field guns, and 30 anti-tank guns. Their dive-bombers, based on the good airfields of Tunisia, were beginning to prove troublesome.

But already we had brought a relief to the Russian armies. During November the Germans withdrew 400 operational aircraft, mostly long-range bombers, from the Eastern Front for use in the Mediterranean. In this latter theatre, a quarter of the whole German Air Force was now deployed, as compared with only a twelfth 18 months before.

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What happened?—I won £1,000. You know it's your birthday tomorrow?

I ought to, George.—Well, I tried to forget it, but I couldn't. So I said to myself, "I'll buy her some little thing for once." But then I said, "No, I'll put the money in the pools again." So if you're thinking about a birthday present, you've ad it. I see.—But I tell you what. Yes, George?—If I win another £1,000 I'll buy you some both with for Christmas. I will definitely.

Thank you, George.—But I'll marry you, George.—

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 38 of the Probate Ordinance 1907, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 2nd day of January, 1951.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send in their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

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C. A. SUTHERTON RUSS AND STEWART, Solicitors for the law-fid Attorney of Eva Mary Russ, the sole Executrix of the Will of the above-named deceased. Wang King Building, No. 10, Queen's Road Central (2nd floor) Hong Kong.

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NOTICE

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NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 13th Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 16th December, 1950, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 7th December, 1950.

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Walter Lindrum, the last winner of the trophy in 1934, notified London last July that he had sent the trophy off from Australia. Since then nothing had been heard of its whereabouts and letters are on the way to Australia asking Lindrum for further information.

The revival of the world's Professional Billiards Championship will be one of the Billiards Association's contributions to 1951 Festival of Britain sporting events.

It seems certain that the new rule will ensure the Championship always being held in Britain. No such condition was attached to the event before and Lindrum, after winning the title for the second successive year in 1934, sat back and waited for his challengers to go to Australia to play him. There were no takers.—Reuter.

Ice Hockey Result

Brighton, Sussex, Dec. 5. The Hammarby ice hockey team of Stockholm were beaten by nine goals to four tonight by Brighton Tigers in the fourth match of their English tour.

Period scores (Brighton first) were: 2-0, 3-0, 4-4.—Reuter.

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Paul Gibb Is The Sportsman Of The Year—If For Honesty Alone Says PETER WILSON

If I had to choose a sportsman of the year—and, after all, everyone else does—I should pick Paul Gibb...

Gibb, ex-Cambridge, ex-Yorkshire, ex-England wicketkeeper will, subject to MCC and Yorkshire agreement, play as a professional for Essex next summer... because he loves cricket and because he'd rather be an honest member of the "other ranks" than a phoney "officer"...

Gibb last represented England, as an amateur, in Australia during the 1946-7 tour... it cost him plenty, and he has not played since... but, although he is a director of a £220,000 clothing company, he isn't scared of being the first former "Varsity" "blue" to take money openly for playing cricket...

Gibb's view is that he wants to work for his firm for eight months in the year... and for Essex during the summer... and he doesn't see why his firm should pay him while he's playing cricket... But he's got domestic responsibilities... and he needs summer money... meanwhile, Essex need him... for Tom Wade, their regular wicketkeeper, resigned a fortnight ago, and reserve keeper Brian Taylor was called up a month ago...

Nowadays the common definition of an amateur is someone who isn't good enough to be a professional... but makes more money out of the game than a pro. does... so... Paul Gibb may not be the best sportsman of the year, but in my book he'll top the list until a better comes along...

Extract from a letter to me appealing for publicity in aid of a charity boxing show... "the only expenses that are paid are for boxers, staff, officials, billposting, printing and the hire of the hall..." I do hope they haven't forgotten anything... (London Express Service)

WEIGH-IN FOR TITLE BOUT

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 5.

The heavyweight boxing champion, Ezzard Charles, weighed in at 185 pounds for a 15-round title bout with Nick Barone at Cincinnati Garden tonight.

Charles, ordered by the Cincinnati Boxing and Wrestling Commission to be clean shaven for the bout, said he removed his mustache only a few hours ago. He added, "I always have it before a fight."

Dr. Walter Phillips, Commission physician, urged Commission to order Charles to be clean-shaven for the bout, which was postponed last Tuesday because of a blizzard to avert the possibility of infection in case of a lip cut.—United Press.

Australian Tour Averages

The averages of the MCC teams in Australia for first-class matches up to November 29 are:

	Inn.	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Aver.
Compton	7	3	402	107	100.50
Washbrook	7	1	328	81	64.66
Close	6	2	188	108	47.00
J. G. Dowes	6	1	228	117	45.60
Hutton	7	0	304	120	43.42
Evans	4	1	122	43	40.66
McIntyre	2	1	38	32	38.00
P. T. Simpson	7	0	252	119	36.00
Barkhouse	2	0	84	40	27.00
D. S. Sheppard	5	0	85	33	17.00
T. E. Bailey	4	1	44	28	14.66
Bedser	3	0	37	23	12.83
J. J. Warr	4	1	38	18	12.00
F. R. Brown	2	2	8	4	8.00
Hollies	3	1	7	5	7.00
Berry	3	2	5	5	5.00
Wright	3	2	5	5	5.00

BOWLING:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Aver.
Wright	19.5	10	323	11	29.80
T. E. Bailey	18	14	333	10	33.30
Close	18	3	255	7	36.42
Bedser	17	13	259	6	43.16
J. J. Warr	12	11	200	6	44.33
F. R. Brown	10	4	187	3	62.33
Compton	25.2	2	182	2	91.00
Hollies	10	4	207	5	41.40

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

THIRTEENTH RACE MEETING

Saturday, 16th December, 1950.

There are eight races. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (8 Races—\$16.00) may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Club, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" scheduled to be run on 28th February, 1951.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Office at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at—

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MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season Tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Branch Office and the Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11.00 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurer's Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel: 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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BY ORDER, S. A. SLEAP, Secretary.

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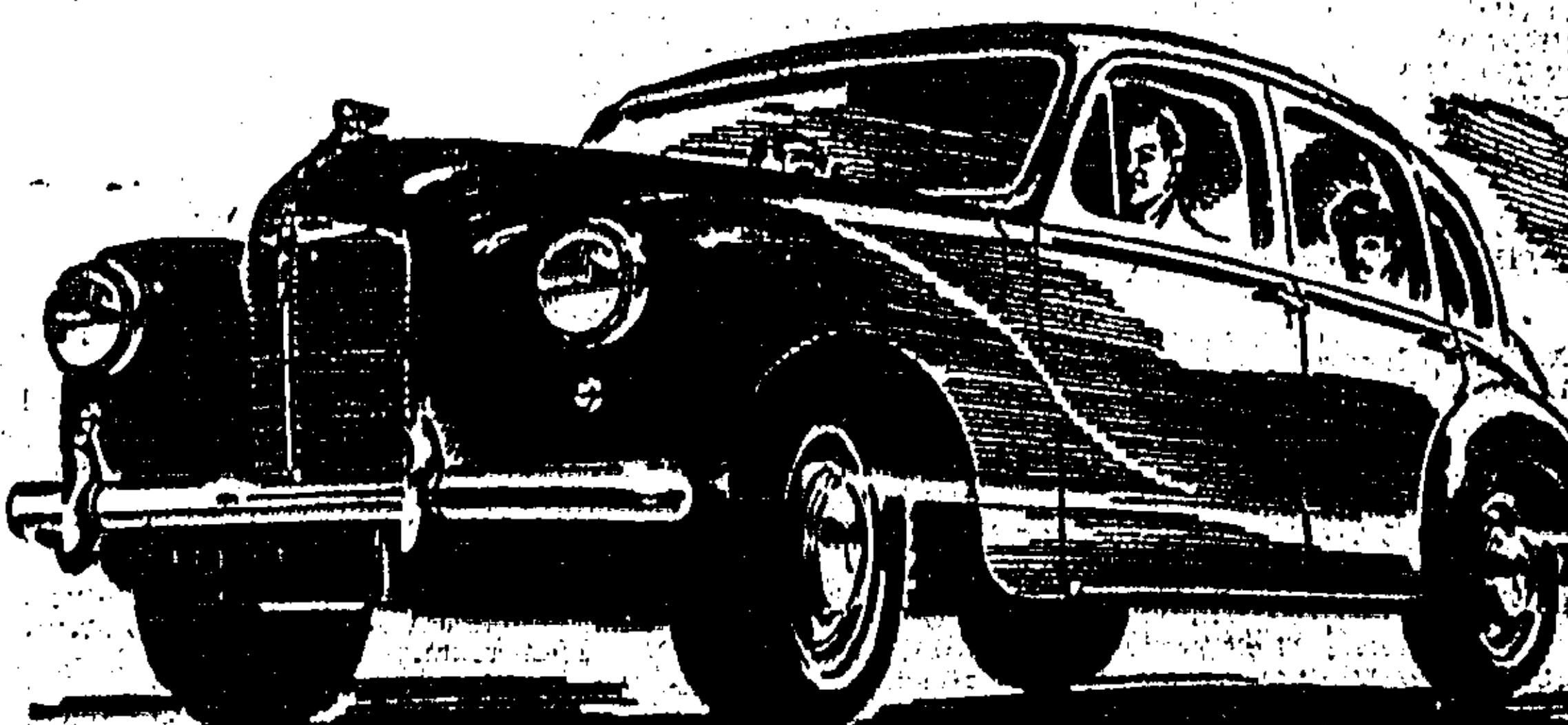
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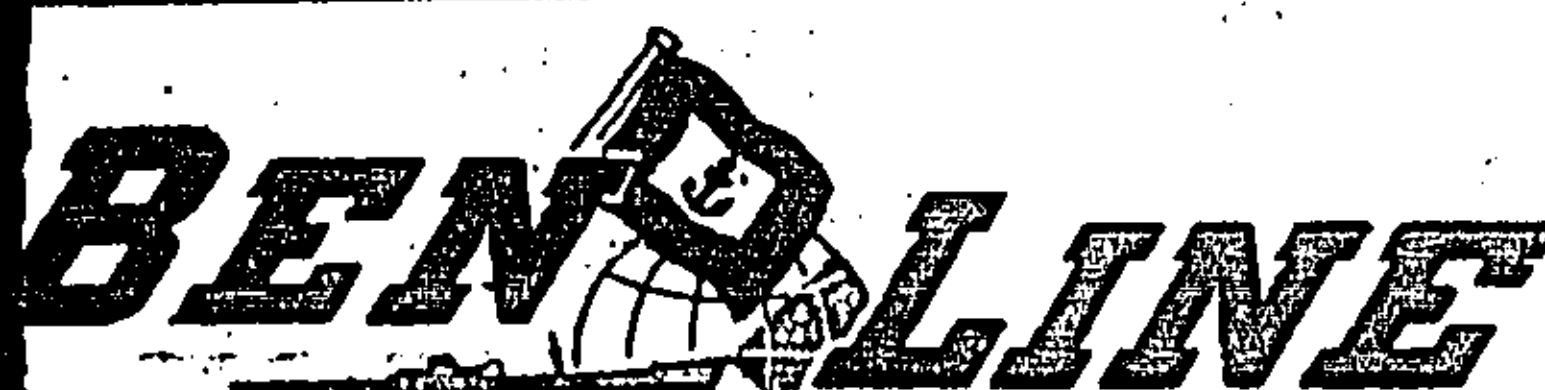
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"BENMHOR"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg	15th Jan.
"BENRINNES"	Havre, Liverpool, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg	20th Jan.
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SHAKE-UPNot Likely To Risk
Experiments In Choosing
The Next Test Team

(By FRANK ROSTON)

Brisbane, Dec. 5.

Australia dare not risk any experiments in selecting their next Test team.

This surviving effect of the first Test extravaganza is in itself justification for the openly expressed pride Freddie Brown now has in his battling English Test team even though there were many self-recriminations and not a few individual and collective regrets qualifying last night's end of the Test jollifications and that Len Hutton's wonder innings was not given the modest support which was all that was needed to bring about Test history's most fabulous win.

Even though the first Test was almost universally regarded as a foregone conclusion throughout Australia and beyond, the Australian selectors picked a cautious orthodox team—the strongest available which almost automatically selected itself—for the first Test.

ON THE RECORD

Mr Papapopoulos
Missed The
Empire Games

Cyprus has two things in common with Hongkong. First, it is also a British Colony. Second, it wasn't represented at the last Empire Games. Had we been at the Auckland Games, the chances of our winning any event would have been almost nil.

The same does not hold true of Cyprus. They have one of the Empire's best long jumpers. His name is Papapopoulos and he recently set a Cypriot record of 24 feet 1 inch in the event. Curiously enough, that is a leap that would have won him both the Empire Games and the European Games Championships. The Cypriot AAA didn't send him to either Auckland or Brussels.

All the odd corners of the world that have leaped into the sports news in the recent months, Cyprus is not the most impossible. Ecuador almost stole the thunder at the Bolivarian Games. It produced a sprinter named Salvador who chased Lloyd LaBeach, of Panama (not an unknown country in world sport) to a new unofficial world record of 10.1 seconds for the 100 metres dash.

The chances of the record being accepted are considered high. Salvador also chased Bailey to a 20.3 seconds effort in the 200 metres. His time for second place in the 100 metres was 10.3 seconds, which would have been a world record a few years ago.

The sports world has heard of Luxembourg. The little Principality has produced quite a few first class athletes, including long runner Mersch, Marathon runner Heurden, the swimming Hammer and middle-distance runner Bartel, all near the top of their class in Europe at some stage of their career.

But whoever has heard of a Bulgarian athlete? Yet, last month the Bulgars turned up in a 21-year-old named Klov the fastest sprinter in Europe for the month. He outran Kiszka and Stawczyk, two of the fastest sprinters in Europe, in an international match against Poland. Kiszka finished fourth in the European Games and Stawczyk could have won the 200 metres sprint if he was fit. He has a record of 21.1 seconds for the event.

Watch out for further surprises. Monaco and Malta are sending strong contingents to the Mediterranean Games in Alexandria next year.

Short-term sensations from out-of-the-way corners of the world are no novelty. Except, of course, that they don't normally come in such numbers. A Hawaiian named Sylvio Cator once held the world's long jump record at just over 20 feet. He has never produced another great athlete.

Then there still is Jaime Aparicio of Colombia, one of the world's most promising low hurdles at the moment, while at the last Caribbean Games points were scored against competition of a fairly high standard by a shotputter from Curacao and a discus thrower from Honduras.

who hails from Dakar (French Equatorial Africa) and is the best high jumper competing in Europe today, and Sylvanus Williams, who competes for Glasgow University in the long jump. Williams, who has cleared over 25 feet this past season, is a Nigerian.

New Zealand, preparing for the Canterbury Centennial Games, has invited such world-famous stars as Herb McKenley, McDonald Bailey, Gaston Reiff and Wim Sijthuis. Among the first invitations to go out from Canterbury, however, were two to Niallka Tuakau and Luke Tuakana, of Fiji, who are ranked high up among the Empire's shot putters, discus and javelin throwers.

Both are students of Napiun Training College and have put that institution well up in the British Commonwealth Universities' ranking lists in athletics. Hongkong University, by the way, qualifies three discus throwers in the same list of the best ten, which is not bad going against institutions like Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh, London, Toronto, McGill, Sydney, Melbourne, Auckland, Cape Town, Stellenbosch, etc.

Curious things have been happening this past two months in athletics all over the world. Hongkong has even started forming an association to govern the sport.

The Yugoslavs, who only really got going since the war and were only a few years ago on a par with the Bulgarians and Albanians, took on four crack Swedes in a 5,000 Metres race—always a Nordic monopoly—and finished second, third, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth. B. Albertsson of Sweden won, but Erik Nystrom and Karlsson, both crack-jack performers, finished seventh and ninth. Mihajlovic, the slowest of the five Yugoslavs, finished in 14 minutes 40 seconds.

In a 10,000 Metres race last month, three Russians finished under 30 minutes. 20 seconds, time good enough to place them second, third and fourth to Zatopek in either the last Olympic or European Games.

Even the Greeks have cheered up. They were quite a force in European athletics before the war but have faded out badly since. One of their pole vaulters, named Eustathides, figures in the best performances last November with a jump of 13 feet 2 inches.

One of the world's leading pole vaulters today is a Puerto Rican named Chaudrier. Another, the French record-holder, Sillon, comes from Martinique, which stamp collectors know as being a French Colony in the West Indies. Martinique has also contributed another athlete to the French national team in Bellegarde, who runs the 800 metres.

Finally, the Americans have competed in a series of Test matches in South Africa, and a cricket team has been sent to South Africa. In the course of the series, the Americans have won a Test match against South Africa, a record of 2-1 in the high jump.

They intended after the expected win then to introduce a few speculative young newcomers in a team-building effort to face the West Indies next year.

But after this sobering shake-up by the England side, which by no means had the worst of the two and a half day's fluctuations, that plan has to be shelved at least temporarily.

Though the Australian side is not to be announced until after the MCC have met the powerful young Australian XI at Sydney in a match starting on Friday, the only likely change is the possible dropping of Jack Moroney as opening batsman.

It is one of the vagaries of the odd cricket statistics produced by this freak match that this portly Sydney schoolmaster, whom I last watched earlier this year scoring a separate century in each innings of the last Test match in Johannesburg, should in his next two Test innings, 7,000 miles away in Brisbane collect a contrasting pair of spectacles against an England reputedly weak in bowling.

NEW ASSESSMENT

Obviously the Australian selectors are now compelled to repeat the compulsion of playing the strongest available team and take over the Australian general public's already completely reversed assessment of Brown's side.

It was one of the most refreshing facts of this match that it ended before a formerly cynical public who almost to a man were cheering Hutton and England.

But complacent as our sighs may be that reversal of one or two small incidents in this match of a thousand "ifs" might have won us a breathless victory it is obvious that Brown and his selectors will have to make some amendments to their next Test plans in the light of this one's lessons.

GAMBLING BID

The desperate gambling bid that seemed to characterise our approach to this match will not now be so justifiable. Although I quoted Brown being bound by the unusual weather conditions then prevailing by the Selection Committee's decision to lower Hutton in the batting list he did not in effect make any change which now in retrospect seems a fatal failure to exploit the world's best batting technician in a way that might well have minimised Monday night's critical loss of three wickets in a tragic quarter of an hour that can now be pinpointed as decisive.

Second, I cannot see the unorthodox gamble of playing Macdonald instead of Sheppard or Parkhouse being repeated in the next Test at Christmas time in Melbourne, especially as Sheppard's most impressive batting so far was against Iverson at Melbourne.

He and the talented Parkhouse who has had no fair chance at Australia to demonstrate his undoubted abilities, are both now fit. It is important that room should be found for both in the next two Test matches at Melbourne and Sydney, and more important, that they should be given the chance to play at King's Park 1.45 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. next Saturday.

SOME FACTS ON
THE VERY
FIRST TEST

***The 1877 Test Match wasn't the first ever between England and Australia.

***An English team toured Australia in 1862 and there were several England and Australia matches before 1877.

***In the earlier "Tests" there were always more than 11 Australians per match, on one occasion an England XI meeting an Australia XXII.

***There wasn't a single amateur in England's first Test side.

***There were only 12 men to pick the Test team from. At one stage of the team's tour through New Zealand before proceeding to Australia there were only 11. The wicket-keeper was in goal for six weeks after having been involved in a brawl.

Britain
Losing Her
Thoroughbreds

Newmarket, England, Dec. 5.
American stud syndicates were blamed indirectly tonight for a slump in the quality of British race horses.

In a speech prepared for delivery, Lord Roseberry, President of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, declared that the best British stallions had been sold abroad.

Although he did not name the Americans he called attention to three English Derby winners—Blenheim, Mahmoud and Bahram, sold by the Aga Khan to Americans.

"They and their descendants might easily have been invaluable if they had remained here," Lord Roseberry said. He spoke at the annual meeting of the Breeders' Association.

ONLY HYPERION LEFT
"We have not had an outstanding sire since Hyperion," he continued, "and he is getting on now in years, although he has had a wonderful season this year."

Hyperion, now 21 years old, is the sire of the dam of Citation.
"We must congratulate Marcel Bousac (of France) on being at the head of this list of winning broodmares," said Lord Roseberry. "He is fortunate in possessing one or two of the best stallions in Europe which he keeps almost entirely for himself. And as he has, I am credibly informed, nearer 200 than 100 mares, he finds no difficulty in so doing, and we must expect him to be a formidable rival for years to come."

M. Bousac was also the leading money winning owner on British tracks this year while French horses won most of the big race prizes.—Associated Press.

Combined Schools
To Play HKCC

A cricket match, arranged in connection with Hongkong's Education Week programme, will be played between the Combined Schools and Hongkong Cricket Club at Chater Road on Wednesday, December 20, commencing 1.45 p.m.

The following players have been selected to represent the Combined Schools: E. Webster (KGV), H. Ching (DBS), M. Goodwin (KGV), R. Lin (DBS), B. Dabber (KGV), Q. Almas (KGV), J. Davis (KGV), D. Dunn (KGV), N. Oel (DBS), M. Nicholson (KGV) and D. Hutton (KGV).

12th man: S. Fraser.
HAZARD SHIELD
The annual cricket match between English and Australian residents for the Hazard Shield takes place on Sunday next, December 10 at Chater Road, commencing 11 a.m. sharp.

The following will represent the English XI: H. Owm-Hughes (Captain), L. F. Stokes P. V. Dodge, R. C. Ball, L. D. Kilbee, J. Williams, G. H. P. Pritchard, R. E. Haycraft, R. S. Cul, G. E. M. Naylor and R. C. Corfield.

RECREIO'S TEAM

Club de Recreio 1st XI vs. CCC to be played at King's Park 1.45 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. next Saturday.
R. L. Gossano (Capt), G. N. Gossano, L. G. Gossano, A. M. Parais, A. P. Pereira, A. P. R. Pereira, H. L. Pereira, N. A. Seabra, P. M.

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"TJIKAMPEK"	9th Dec.	13th Dec.
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"PACIFIC LARK"	San Francisco	Jan. 7	Jan. 14	Singapore, Dikarya, Bombay, Karachi & Durrani

Wool Soars To A New High

Melbourne, Dec. 5.
A world record price of 372 pence per pound for superfine's fleece was realised at the opening day of the Geelong wool sales today.
It was the best opening day ever recorded. At least 2,312,500 worth of wool was bought.
The general tone of the market was very strong with price movements firm on late rates.
At the Sydney sales prices remained firm.—Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

The turnover on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$29,255. The half day's business and noon prices were as follows:—
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Irregular Trend In NY Cotton

New York, Dec. 5.
Cotton futures closed irregular, with nearby deliveries lagging as much as US\$5.00 a bale and deferred contracts lagging with losses ranging to nearly US\$2.
Futures closed US\$5.00 a bale higher to US\$1.00 lower.
December 42.10
March (1951) 41.72-75
May 40.06-41.00
July 40.40-45
October 30.00-63
December 30.20 nominal
March (1952) 35.93
May 35.77
Middling spot 42.88
Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS STEADY

New Orleans, Dec. 5.
Cotton futures closed steady 25 cents to US\$4.35 a bale higher.
December 41.70 bid
March (1951) 41.54-56
May 40.87
July 40.30-32
October 36.51 bid
Spot cotton was 3.75 a bale higher.
Middling 41.80
—Associated Press.

Sugar Improves

New York, Dec. 5.
Domestic sugar futures No. 6 closed one to two higher with sales of 124 contracts.
March 54 1/2
May 54 1/2
World sugar futures No. 4 closed one higher with sales of 85 contracts.
March 5 04 bid
May 5 04
July 5 03 bid
September 5 04 nominal
Raw sugar spot 5 24 nominal
—Associated Press.

NY Copper Futures

New York, Dec. 5.
Copper futures closed unchanged to 1 1/2 higher with sales six contracts.
December 22 1/2
March 22 1/2
May 22 1/2 nominal
July 22 1/2 nominal
—Associated Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—
Sterling note (per £) 16.00
U.S. dollars (per \$1) 0.41
Indonesian guilders (per 100) 4.80
Siam ticals (per 100) 27.00
Singapore (Straits) 17.75
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Steel Shortage Feared: Britain Reduces Export

Rumours of an impending steel shortage have led to suggestions that the allocation system may be re-imposed.

In the following review, based on authoritative sources, the supply and demand position is analysed and the conclusion reached that rearmament has not yet caused any appreciable rise in consumption. The major new factor is a certain increase in consumer buying.

Exports of steel are being limited in order to increase supplies to the home market. This step and the re-orientation of production, it is considered, should ensure industry at home — except in special cases — receiving the steel it requires. A detailed allocation system is regarded as unnecessary.

Home output of crude steel in the form of ingots and castings was forecast in the Economic Survey for 1950 at between 15,730,000 and 16,000,000 tons. In fact, production in the first ten months of the year amounts to 13,427,000 tons (compared with 12,814,000 tons in the corresponding months of 1949). Since total out-put in 1949 was 15,553,000 tons there is thus every expectation that the output for the year will exceed 16,000,000 tons and may, indeed, reach 16,250,000 tons—well over the upper limit of the forecast.

The Survey did not give the remaining items of the supply side of the equation in detail. It can, however, be deduced that imports were estimated at about 850,000 ingot tons. In fact they may not much exceed 600,000 ingot tons. Thus the surplus of home production over the forecast will about make up for the shortfall in imports. The aggregate supply of steel will be just at the level officially forecast.

EXPORT OBJECTIVE

Exports were expected to rise to some 3,000,000 ingot tons and this objective is in sight. Although by far the greater part of the range of steel products is not controlled, the industry accepts and acts on the advice of the Government as to the direction of exports.

Thus the confident expectation in the Survey that "there will be a substantial increase in deliveries to the Commonwealth" is being carried out.

Since total supplies and exports are at the forecast level, it follows that the quantity of steel available for home consumption is also as expected. Play has been made in some quarters with the fact that stocks of steel in the hands of consumers fell during the first half-year. But the movement was anticipated in the Economic Survey. It was there envisaged that, if necessary, it should be possible, without any dislocation or serious inconvenience, to run down consumers' stocks by some 300,000 finished tons, or some 400,000 ingot tons, in the year. In fact the decline in these stocks during the first half-year was rather less than half this figure.

REARMAMENT

What of the effect of rearmament? The rearmament programme is still being worked out in detail and in many cases a whole series of decisions has to be taken before orders can be placed for munitions warranting the placing of orders on the steelworks for finished steel.

So far as is known publicly, the total orders placed for all items under the new programme amount only to £100 million, though a second £100 million will apparently follow fairly soon. These amounts are small in comparison with the value of industrial production, which probably exceeds £2,000 million. The entire rearmament programme announced by the Government represents an average increase in expenditure of about £280 million over the next three years. Taking account of prospective American aid, this may represent £700 million of work for British industry over the three-year period. This is not a large amount, particularly when it is borne in mind that the national income rose (in real terms) about £200 million last year. It may not, however, be possible to find all the necessary resources from additional production.

SUPPLY AND USE

In present conditions of "brimful" employment it is not to be expected that there can be any substantial and sudden increase in the rate of steel consumption.

There has been no hint of any drastic redeployment of labour or lengthening of the working week which alone would give rise to such a development. The change-over from normal lines of output to rearmament items will, in many cases, disrupt the even flow of production and thus reduce productivity.

Moreover, contrary to general belief, workers on armaments, the complex machines of modern war, use less steel per hour, not more, than the average worker in the industries affected.

It must be concluded, therefore, from an examination of these facts, that the development of steel supplies and allocation

London Stocks In A Decline

London, Dec. 5.
Continuing bad news from the Far East, set off a creeping decline in the London Stock Exchange today.
Losses were small in most sections and there was a somewhat steadier tone at the close of trading.
British Government bonds were mixed at the finish, with plus and minus signs up to 1/4 each way.
Japanese bonds dropped sharply at the start with losses up to two points. They rallied mildly in the afternoon and the 1907s closed at 42, down 1/4, the 1910s at 30 1/2, down 1/4, and the 1930s at 61, down 1/4.
Financial Times' Index: 1134.—Associated Press.

WALL ST. RECOVERS LOSSES

New York, Dec. 5.
In a complete about-face, the stock market today surged ahead following Monday's tumble.
Closing prices showed gains running to around US\$2 a share, and quotations were headed upward at the final bell.
Not all of Monday's losses were recouped but they were sharply reduced. On average the market regained about two-thirds of the ground lost when heavy selling swept through the Exchange as a result of the shocking international news and prospects of steeply higher taxes and extended Government controls.
The international scene today was just about as murky as it was on Monday. Taxes and stiff controls were, if anything, a shade heavier. But stock traders had a thorough change of heart, with a large part of the change based on hope.
Prices advanced in two stages. Plenty of buying orders were on hand when the market opened and leading shares readily responded. Demand subsided for a couple of hours and then picked up speed in early afternoon. Prices kept pushing ahead right up to the finish.
Transfers totalled 1,940,000 shares.

Among gainers were Grumman Aircraft, St. Regis Paper, Climax Molybdenum, Erie Railroad, American Radiator, Baltimore and Ohio.
Dow Jones Averages:
Stocks 81.57
20 Industrials 22.44
15 Rails 69.02
10 Utilities 59.33
—Associated Press.

Chicago Grain Recovery

Chicago, Dec. 5.
Grains rallied in late trading after announcement that mandatory controls are not contemplated for the immediate future. Wheat closed 1/4-1/2 higher. December \$2.27 1/2-3/4; March \$2.32 1/2-3/4; May \$2.31 1/2-3/4.
Corn was two to three cents higher.
Oats were 1/4 to two cents higher.
Rye was two to 3 1/2 cents higher.
Soybeans were 2 1/4-3/4 higher.
—Associated Press.

Demand For Tin Tapers Off

Singapore, Dec. 5.
Demand for Malayan tin tapered off today in the Singapore market.
Tin brought \$507 (Straits) per picul, a drop of \$9 from yesterday's closing.
Spot loose sold at \$100.00 (Straits) per pound, up three cents from yesterday's low mark.—United Press.

Tin Futures Higher

New York, Dec. 5.
Tin futures closed 5.00 to 5.50 higher with sales of 20 contracts.
March 125.00 bid
May 125.00 bid
July 125.00 bid
—Associated Press.

Bank Quotations

New York, Dec. 5.
Checking bank quotations:
Bank of America 100
Chase National 100
Citibank 100
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—Associated Press.

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ARRIVALS FROM		
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Japan, 3 p.m.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7
Closing Times By Air
Japan, Korea, Canada & U.S.A.
11 a.m.
Okinawa, 2 p.m.
Siam, Burma, Malaya, Indonesia
& Ceylon, 5 p.m.
Formosa, 5 p.m.
Philippines, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea
Japan, Noon
Malaya, Noon
Indonesia, 2 p.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8
Closing Times By Air
B.N. Europe, Australia & New
Zealand, 5 p.m.
Info-China French North Africa &
France, 6 p.m.
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Port, Iran, Iraq, Egypt, East
South Africa, Mauritius, Great
Britain, Spain, Portugal, Italy & N.W.
Europe, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea
Siam, 10 a.m.
Formosa, 10 a.m.
Philippines, 5 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, Madagascar,
India, Arabia, Egypt, Spain, Portu-
gal, Belgium, French North Africa,
Great Britain & N.W. Europe,
4 p.m. (par & reg); 5 p.m. (ord).
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
Closing Times By Air
Formosa, 3 p.m.
Siam, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea
Philippines & B.N. Europe, B.N.
Guinea, Australia & New Zealand,
10 a.m.
Formosa, 11 a.m.
Malaya & Indonesia, 2 p.m.
East & South Africa, 2 p.m.
Burma, 3 p.m.

RECORD TURNOVER AND PROFITS

Revealed At Meeting Of Local Printing Press, Ltd

The Local Printing Press, Limited disclosed a record profit of \$647,842.55 at the 19th Ordinary General Meeting of the Company this morning. This is the second year in succession that the Company has made a record.

Increase in profit over 1949 was \$271,105.08. The Directors of the Company recommended an allocation of \$3 tax-free dividend per share which was adopted at the meeting.

Proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, the Chairman said:

Reviewing the result of the past year's working which again reflects great credit on our Managing Director, Mr. Lee Yat-ho, and his staff, you will note that the net profit, including property rentals, is \$647,842.55 which is an increase of \$271,105.08 over the year 1949. The profit is carried forward from last year leaves \$686,370.74 available for appropriation. Furthermore we have a credit balance with our Bankers of \$122,090.60. This is the result of a further increase in turnover and increased rental revenue from our property, together with judicious foresight shown by our Managing Director in the timely purchasing of a large stock of paper for printing purposes.

I am glad to report that the accounts before you again constitute a record for our Company, both as regards volume of business and profit.

Your Directors are pleased to report that our new building "Printing House" is now almost completed and fully let and we hope to commence an early transfer of some of our machinery to the ground and mezzanine floors.

We now have an excellent piece of modern property which should house our rapidly expanding business for some time to come and I'm sure you will join me in congratulating the Architects Messrs. Leigh & Orange and the Building Contractors Messrs. Sui Kin & Co. for the excellence and speed of their work.

SUPERANNUATION
Needless to say we shall be glad when the new premises are completed as we are urgently in

need of the extra space which will then be available for our continually expanding business. We have recently added and will continue to add to our plant and machinery from time to time in order to take care of the increasing demand for our type of high grade work. You will note that your Directors have recommended a transfer from profit of \$50,000 which is intended to form the nucleus of a staff Superannuation Scheme and that it is hoped to add further amounts in future years. I am sure Shareholders will approve of this Provision for the retirement of long service employees.

Your Directors have every confidence that the \$3 tax free dividend per share (recommended this year) can be maintained for the current financial year.

Turning to the Balance sheet, I would like to draw your attention to the transfer to General Reserve of the Balance outstanding in the Building Reserve at the end of our last financial year. Our building is now completed, and our balance with our Bankers is sufficient to meet the final payment. Your Directors are therefore of the opinion that the Building Reserve could more usefully be incorporated in the General Reserve of our Company.

FAITH IN COLONY
Providing the Colony remains free from political trouble your Directors have every reason to believe that the future holds bright prospects for our Company in the Colony generally.

My faith in Hongkong and its future as expressed at this Meeting last year has so far been fully justified and I foresee an even brighter and better future ahead.

You will note in the accounts that our Auditors have made provision for taxation for 1950/51 and 1951/52.

Depreciation has been allowed for on the value of our Plant and Machinery and the present figure of \$425,468.63 is a conservative one. Most of the trade accounts receivable have now been paid.

Mr. B. W. Bradbury was re-elected a Director and Chairman while Messrs. C. C. Blake and J. S. C. Neal were elected to the Board with Mr. Lee Yat-ho as Managing Director.

In addition to the above Director present were Messrs. G. G. Wood, H. J. Tebbutt, Chan Yuk-ku, Chan Siu-chuen, Wong Shu-keung, Wong Sik-on and Miss Lee Kwai-fang. Messrs. Pak, Maxwell, Mitchell and Company were re-elected Auditors.

NEW ARTICLES

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company was then called to consider the following special resolution: which was carried unanimously. That the Articles of Association submitted to the meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles of Association thereof.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. "Hongkong Calling". Programme Summary. 9.00. "The Moderns" presented by John Warner. (Studio). 9.30. "Helen Hupperts and the Tango Orchestra". (Studio). 10.00. "World News and News Analysis". (London Relay). 10.15. "Services". (Studio). 10.30. "Three Songs by Les Boues". (Soprano). 10.45. "Shen Yuen and the Dobranoch Orchestra". (Studio). 11.00. "The Editor's". (London Relay). 11.15. "Lucky Dip". Variety Requests presented by Les Boues. (Soprano). 11.30. "Variety Band". (Studio). 11.45. "The Editor's". (London Relay). 12.00. "The Editor's". (London Relay). 12.15. "The Editor's". (London Relay). 12.30. "The Editor's". (London Relay). 12.45. "The Editor's". (London Relay). 1.00. "The Editor's". (London Relay). 1.15. "The Editor's". (London Relay). 1.30. "The Editor's". (London Relay). 1.45. "The Editor's". (London Relay). 2.00. "The Editor's". (London Relay). 2.15. "The Editor's". (London Relay). 2.30. "The Editor's". (London Relay). 2.45. "The Editor's". (London Relay). 3.00. 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